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NZ PM CALLS OFF WEDDING AMID OMICRON OUTBREAK

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said on Sunday her own wedding plans stand cancelled as she announced fresh Covid curbs

DECISION AFTER DETECTION OF COVID CLUSTER

Ardern's marriage with TV host Clarke Gayford was scheduled for next weekend. The couple had got engaged in 2019 and they have a two-year-old daughter. The decision to call off the wedding follows discovery of nine Omicron cases in a family that travelled to Auckland. Following this, it was decided that the entire country be placed under the highest level of Covid curbs

GOOD TRACK RECORD OF MANAGING COVID

- The fresh restrictions include a cap of 100 vaccinated people at events and mask wearing in shops and on public transport
- New Zealand has operated under strict Covid rules since the start of the pandemic, allowing it to keep deaths to a minimum
- It managed the Delta variant, with an average of 20 daily cases

93%

NEW ZEALANDERS OVER 12 YEARS ARE FULLY VACCINATED; 52% HAVE GOT BOOSTER SHOTS

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Govt accepts community transmission

Further spread of Omicron is expected to happen internally and not from abroad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Omicron variant of the coronavirus has reached the community transmission stage in India and has become dominant in multiple metros where new cases have been rising exponentially, the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Consortium on Genomics (INSACOG) said in its latest bulletin on Sunday.

The two-page bulletin of January 10, released on Sunday, added that while most Omicron cases so far are asymptomatic or mild, hospitalisations and ICU cases are increasing in the current wave.

It also said an infectious sub-variant of Omicron, BA.2, has been detected in a considerable fraction in India. "BA.2 lineage is a substantial fraction in India and S-gene dropout-based screening is thus likely to give high false negatives. Tests suitable for PCR based screening applicable to all Omicron lineages have been approved for use," it said.

As for the recently reported B.1.640.2 lineage, it is being monitored. "There is no evidence of rapid spread and while it has features of immune escape, it is currently not a variant of concern. So far, no case has been detected in India," the bulletin added.

India reported 3,33,533 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, taking the active caseload to 21,87,205. While the daily positivity rate and weekly positivity rate stand at 17.78% and 16.87% respectively, the recovery rate is 93.18%.

"Further spread of Omicron in India is now expected to be through internal transmission, not foreign travellers, and a revised sampling and sequencing strategy of INSACOG is being worked out to address genomic surveillance objectives in the wake of dynamic changing scenario of virus infection," the bulletin added. INSACOG is a consortium of 38 laboratories under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that monitor the genomic variations in Covid-19.

NATIONAL PEAK IN 14 DAYS?

National peak expected in the next fortnight, a preliminary analysis by IIT-M's Dept of Maths and Centre of Excellence for Computational Maths and Data Science said

R-value is the number of people a Covid+ person can infect. It's no longer a pandemic if R-value drops below 1

India's R-value in in the Jan 14-21 week dropped to 1.57

R-value was 2.2 in Jan 7-13 week, 4 in Jan 1-6 and 2.9 in Dec 25-31

The R-value of Mumbai was 0.67, Delhi 0.98, Chennai 1.2 and Kolkata 0.56

NATION WIDE	JAN'22	JAN'21
Fresh cases	3,37,704	3,33,533
Recoveries	2,42,676	2,91,168
Deaths	488	525

KARNATAKA	JAN'22	JAN'21
Fresh cases	42,470	50,210
Recoveries	35,140	22,842
Deaths	26	19

First vax dose coverage 100% in K'taka: Sudhakar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ONE year and seven days after the Covid vaccine drive was launched, Karnataka has completed 100 per cent coverage of the first dose, said Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Sunday.

Taking to Twitter, he said Karnataka is the first state in the country to achieve this. "This is a matter of pride and I thank all health workers and government officials. Some districts are at 97 per cent to 99 per cent with respect to the first dose coverage, but overall the state average has crossed 100 per cent. The second dose coverage is at 85 per cent," he said. While the target for the 18-plus population was set at 4,89,16,000, the coverage was at 4,89,29,819. Some districts like Dharwad, Bidar, Davanagere, Belagavi, Bagalkot, Hassan, Kolar, Mysuru, Gadag, Chikkaballapur, Vijayapura and Kodagu have gone beyond 100 per cent in their first dose coverage, as per data shared by the minister. The districts lagging in the second dose coverage and are below the state average of 85 per cent are Kalaburagi, Raichur, Yadagir, Chitradurga, Dakshina Kannada, Ballari, Bengaluru Urban, Shivamogga, Chamarajanagar and Dharwad. P3

Over 50K cases in state

Karnataka on Sunday reported 50,210 cases, breaking the pandemic's second wave record just 23 days into the third wave.

German navy chief in Ukraine mess resigns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WHETHER or not the Ukraine situation is amicably resolved between the US-led NATO and Russia, it left the German navy chief jobless. Vice admiral Kay-Achim Schoenbach, who was in India last week, had to resign after coming under fire for siding with Russian president Vladmir Putin during his speech at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

Delivering his controversial address on Friday, Schoenbach said the idea that Russia would invade Ukraine was "nonsense" and wondered why would a big country want a tiny strip of Ukraine to integrate into it. He said Putin only wants respect. "Putin is probably putting pressure because he knows he can do it and he knows that it splits the European Union," Schoenbach said.

Schoenbach

Furious over the remarks, Ukraine summoned German Ambassador Anka Feldhusen to express its displeasure.

While Germany distanced itself from its navy chief's comments, Schoenbach admitted his remarks were somewhat "rash" and tendered his resignation saying he wanted to prevent further damage to Germany and its military.

Later, the German navy put out a statement saying Defence Minister Christine Lambrecht had accepted the resignation and appointed his deputy as interim naval chief.

Germany has insisted that it stands united with its NATO allies on the issue of Russia's military threat to Ukraine, warning that Moscow will pay a high price if it makes any military moves against its neighbour.

But unlike many other NATO countries, Berlin says it won't supply Ukraine with lethal weapons. P12

Netaji's statue will be shifted to front of Soudha, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ON a day Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the hologram of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the India Gate in New Delhi, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai declared on Sunday that the Netaji statue on the premises of Vidhana Soudha will be shifted to the front of the majestic legislature building.

"The statue, which is behind Vidhana Soudha near the western gate now, should be shifted to a suitable spot befitting the honour he deserved. A decision will be taken soon. Netaji's next birth anniversary will be celebrated in front of Vidhana Soudha," Bommai said after paying tributes to the freedom fighter on his 125th birth anniversary.

Later inaugurating the flying school at Jakkur that was defunct for some time, Bommai announced that 75 Netaji Amrit NCC schools will be set up in the state.

"Books and articles on Netaji will be brought out in Kannada and distributed to our youth as the government has also decided to celebrate Netaji's 125th birth anniversary throughout the year. Children will be introduced to Netaji's ideals and objectives by organising debates, exhibitions and other programmes at all schools and colleges," he added.

The government will respond positively to the demands of various organisations that have been working to promote Netaji's ideals, he promised.

"Netaji gave a big thrust to the freedom struggle by uniting world powers of that time to wage a battle in India against the British empire. Netaji had a big role in India attaining freedom," he remarked. P4

Netaji inspired the youth with his call, 'give me blood and I will give you freedom'. He laid a strong foundation for the freedom struggle by inducting 60,000 youth into Azad Hind Fauj

Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

The hologram statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose unveiled by PM Narendra Modi at India Gate in New Delhi on Sunday. A grand statue, made of granite, will eventually replace the hologram statue | PTI | P9

TAKING FLIGHT

A family walks towards a helicopter after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai launched a heli-tourism project at Jakkur aerodrome in Bengaluru on Sunday. The government has signed MoUs with Thumby Aviation and Chipsan Aviation to offer heli-tourism services | SHRIRAM BN

EXPRESS READ

Stalin, Pinarayi oppose changes to IAS rules

Chennai/T'puram: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and his Kerala counterpart Pinarayi Vijayan on Sunday urged PM Modi to drop the proposed amendments to IAS Cadre Rules as they would go against the principles of federalism. P7

CENSUS FIRST TO START SIGN SURVEY

25-year-old anti-poaching camp watcher Chandrashekhar was the first to start the sign survey and record the readings on the M-Stripe app, on the first day of the tiger census in Nagarhole Tiger Reserve on Sunday | P4

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Missing Arunachal teen found by the PLA?

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE controversy surrounding the alleged abduction of an Indian boy by the People's Liberation Army of China could soon end, as the PLA claims to have found a missing boy from Arunachal Pradesh.

"The PLA has informed the Indian Army that they have found a missing boy. Since only one person (Miram Taron) is missing, we believe it is he," a senior Army officer said. Due procedure would be followed before the boy is handed over.

The family of the 17-year-old Miram, who hails from Upper Siang district, was overjoyed when this correspondent broke the news over the phone. "Thank you so much, sir. I cannot express in words how happy I am. I pray that the boy they found is Miram," his father Opang said. "He will be received by our entire Zido village when he arrives home."

Miram has never been to that forest before and the father said he would not allow the minor to go to the place again. His mother, Kutjit, said, "I am feeling very good." She had been experiencing hypertension ever since Miram's disappearance.

The incident occurred on January 18 when Miram and his friend, Jhonny Yaying, had ventured into a forest at the fuzzy India-China border to hunt wild animals and collect herbs. While Miram was nabbed by the PLA, Jhonny fled. Both youngsters are from the same village. The site of the incident is around 35-40 km away. Opang said he was at Tuting on January 17 when his son had set out for the forest.

Was out on puja hunt

"We have a puja in mid-February where, as per a customary practice, I would give my sisters dry meat. As the meat needs to be dried before being gifted, Miram had gone out early for hunting," father Opang said

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Sunday :** 23/01/2022 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Dakshinayna
• **Ritu:** Himantha • **Masa:** Pushya • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Sapthami 4.37 am
• **Nakshatra:** Hastha 9.04 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER — MIN 15°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST Mostly sunny

Sunrise 6.46 am | Sunset 6.17 pm | Moonrise 11.45 pm | Moonset 11.11 am

Rising pig numbers irk Bellandur residents

RWAs of the locality cite the absence of a proper drainage network to be at the core of the problem

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE rapid breeding of pigs across Bellandur, which forms a part of the city's IT corridor, has agonised the residents, with civic authorities failing to comprehend the situation and offer a solution.

Representatives of resident welfare associations, across the 26 sq. km Ward, told The New Indian Express, requesting anonymity, that the problem lies in the absence of a proper drainage network. "Sewage is released in the open drain and this naturally attracts pigs. There are eateries, push-cart vendors selling food and other commercial establishments who also dump their waste in the open drains," said a resident.

Another local said that delay in garbage clearance results in dogs and pigs rummaging the garbage and scattering the waste. "The area is strewn with garbage and dirt and it makes for an unhygienic living for all," she added.

The rate of multiplication also compounds the issue. "A pig sometimes gives birth to anywhere between 15 and 18 piglets, making it really tough to control the growing numbers for the last three years," said another resident.

Delay in garbage collection only adds to the menace, say residents | EXPRESS

Residents have sent complaints to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the Animal Husbandry department but the issue persists. Another resident alleged that BBMP representatives come once in a while, remove a few pigs, take some photos. publicise it and the problem remains unaddressed.

Inspector of Animal Husbandry, Bellandur and nearby wards, Ashwath Narayan told *The New Indian Express* that they do not have any powers to catch the pigs and dispose of them somewhere. "The only option we have is to tell the pig owners not to let them loose. We keep doing that regularly."

Venkatchalapathy, Joint Commissioner, Mahadevapura, stated that the issue was not spread across Bellandur but was an issue only in Junnasandra lake in the area. "We are regularly conducting drives to remove pigs from the area," he claimed.

RAISING A STINK

Apartment residents say pollution norms flouted, KSPCB says 'no'

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

WHILE a team of residents has been fighting to rectify alleged violations by an apartment complex at Budigere, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has been maintaining that no violations are taking place.

The residents allege that untreated sewage water is being directed to nearby waterbodies, while dirty water is being pumped to be reused to flush toilets. After an investigation and hearing at Prestige Tranquility in August, KSPCB stated that there are no violations.

The copy of the proceedings was received by Prema Mistry, the complainant and a resident, only last month. "There are no violations at the apartments. They've installed CCTV cameras as well as real-time monitoring (RTMs) and are treating water properly," KSPCB Mahadevapura Regional Officer DP Mahendra told *TNIE*.

The residents, however, alleged that foul play is going on. "If the RTM readings are within norms, why are we still getting black water in our toilets," asked Mistry. KSPCB visited the apartments last week for an investigation. "I showed the officer multiple violations, including illegal pipe connections that were sending sewage to the stormwater drain. He took multiple water samples to check if the water was treated," said Mistry.

She and a group of residents have been highlighting the violations for years. "Action must be taken against the builders, because without proper sewage treatment plants and other amenities, they illegally handed over the project to the apartment association," she alleged.

Mistry alleged that after her complaint, she is being harassed by association members. "When I approached the Karnataka State Commission for Women, they said I was raising complaints only because I was not elected to the association," she said.

"Complaints are being filed by people with personal interest and it's wasting the time of government officials. The apartments are running perfectly with no violations," said Syed Khaja, senior environmental officer at KSPCB.

Beware the IT refunds call, B'luru woman falls prey to phishing

ENS @ Bengaluru

CYBER scamsters have a brand new scheme with which to trick gullible netizens: callers offer to help with the deposit of income tax refund into taxpayers' accounts. Preeti K, a Bengalurean, was one of the many who fell prey to this cyber scam, and also discovered, to her chagrin, that bank authorities are not willing to take responsibility though the bank accounts are active with their bank branches.

The phishing attack took place in Kolkata, after an elderly male caller pretended that he could help with the deposit of income tax refund into her account. She was tricked into making payments to his account after he generated a payment link and made away with a cool Rs 1 lakh.

Preeti, who transferred the money through Paytm, realised she had been cheated when the caller removed the money within three minutes after it was transferred to his Standard Chartered Bank and SBI accounts. Preeti then rushed to the cyber crime police and jurisdictional Haringhata police station, about 50km from Kolkata, to lodge a formal complaint. But when she went to the police, she was told that they don't have the funds and wherewithal to investigate and solve the crime, despite having substantial information like details of bank accounts and transactions.

Preeti's family, who spoke to *TNIE* from Kolkata, suspect a larger racket. They said the caller's name was 'Ram Singh' and the phone number he was calling from was 09394025870, which had been given to the police.

"The money was transferred through PhonePe to his Paytm account and then to multiple accounts in Standard Chartered Bank and State Bank of India. When contacted about these 'fraudulent criminal' activities, they complained that neither was willing to help the victim's family and investigations with the details. The phone numbers and bank accounts are in different names."

FRAGRANCE IN THE AIR
Roses in full bloom ahead of the flower show in front of the State Library on Republic Day, in Bengaluru on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Four years later, Tamil teacher yet to get any salary

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

K THANALAKSHMI, a native of Sankarankovil in Tenkasi district of Tamil Nadu, left her husband and two teenaged girls back home to take up the job of a Tamil teacher at a government-aided school in Bengaluru. However, four years later, she is yet to get even a single month's salary at the Tagore Memorial High School in Yeshwanthpur.

With her Masters degree in Tamil and a B.Ed, Thanalakshmi got an appointment letter as 'Tamil Pandit' here on November 29, 2017. The letter also states, "Your salary will be fixed and claimed only after the approval of your appointment by the Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Bangalore North Range-I."

While the government had given its approval for filling up the posts here and a few other schools in 2015, it has not yet okayed the appointment of the specific individuals to the post.

Thanalakshmi has been given a room to stay at the hostel here, and food has been arranged by the school management. "I want to be paid a salary more than anything else. I have paid Rs 2.9 lakh so far to confirm my appointment through an intermediary. But I have still not been paid my salary even for one month," she told TNIE.

A Dhananjayan, president, Karnataka Tamil School and College Teachers Association, who has been running from pillar to post to assist her, charges that palms have to be greased in the Education Department to get things done.

Meanwhile, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education B C Nagesh told TNIE that the CM, at a meeting in Belagavi on December 21, had approved the appointment of many such individuals. "Her appointment would be approved soon and she would start getting her salary in future," he assured. Nagesh urged her to come forward and file a complaint against anyone making any demands in the department. "Action would be taken against such individuals," he added.

AUTHORITIES PASSING THE BUCK, ALLEGE HOME BUYERS

ENS @ Bengaluru

HOME buyers alleged that authorities are trying to pass the buck when it comes to solving their issues with builders and promoters.

The Karnataka Home Buyers' Forum was responding to statements by District Magistrate J Manjunath, Housing Minister V Somanna and Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) Chairman Kishore Chandra. They had got in touch with various departments as well as the PM and CM's offices. Forum members had also approached K-RERA to get updates on cases pending and seeking advice on how to expedite their cases.

Recently, Manjunath stated that around 4,000 cases, including RERA-related, are pending before the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner's court. But according to the government data, it would take around 10 years to clear all pending cases. The homebuyers are distraught as they have waited for decades to resolve their issues even before K-RERA was formed.

The forum has now decided to hold live online meetings every day, titled 'Home Dhoka', discussing problems of individual home buyers across Karnataka. The buyers are disappointed with a reply from the CMO, which advised them to follow up with the housing department.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24th January : Have you ever dreamed of travelling to distant planets? We believe that it is impossible to travel faster than the speed of light, and that means we'll never be able to get to even the nearest star. Actually, as we now know, light travels at different speeds in different circumstances. It therefore seems to me that we need to find out more about what light is, and then visit far away parts of the galaxy.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You should have a busy start to the week, so no slacking, please! This is one of those moments when the very best you can possibly do is stick to routine tasks and put sentiment and regrets to one side. There is no substitute, by the way, for a healthy dose of self-discipline.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
If you've been concentrating on pursuing your worldly ambitions in recent weeks, then don't let up now. Even if success is assured, there's still some thinking to be done and people to be convinced that you're right. It's mainly a matter of finding the best words.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You should spare no effort when it comes to improving your existence. It's quite rare that such a beneficial line-up of planets affects your emotional state as at the present time, and you'd be foolish not to take advantage of this to improve the general condition of your partnerships.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The immediate future looks positive and constructive, even if you do have a few doubts. Over the long-term, there's a definite need for more space and comfort in your living conditions, although you may not make a move until the Moon begins to play a role in your home and family affairs.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may concentrate on your material resources. It seems better to save than spend but if money must flow out, aim it towards necessities rather than luxuries. Above all, steer clear of those who are too fond of rumour and gossip - or who are out to waste your time.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
With the Moon so powerfully aligned with your sign, this is a fine day to make a greater than usual effort to get your own way and still reach sensible compromises. You'll be able to clear up niggling irritations with little difficulty, although you'd better have the facts at your fingertips.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Sometimes you can hide your head in the sand - but not now. There's no getting away from your essential needs and desires today. The general planetary picture is extraordinarily helpful and there's little risk in forcing issues into the open as long as you keep a dialogue going with other concerned individuals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
In spite of a certain shyness, you love it when other people are forced to listen to your opinions, and that's exactly what you'll be insisting on this week. The fact is that your ideas are probably the best. But will other people agree? Well, probably not!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There should be a welcome absence of tension from most of today's personal proceedings, although excitement could boil over into animated arguments and disputes. These are lively times and you're a force to be reckoned with, as reckless individuals could soon discover.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The sky's the limit, and there's no reason why you shouldn't achieve your ambitions in whatever your main areas of activity happen to be. Friends will be of more help than you've come to expect, although any favours you accept now might have to be paid back sooner than you hope.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The planetary connections between your work and money are so powerful as to suggest an imminent windfall, almost certainly as a reward for all your past efforts. At least, that's one interpretation. Plus, for some reason we have yet to understand, discretion is required in personal matters.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
This is no time to be shy and withdrawn. The Sun, Mars, Venus and Saturn are just a few of the planets compelling you to face up to your needs, wants and desires and it's about time you made these your guiding priority rather than always trying to please other people.

THE PHANTOM

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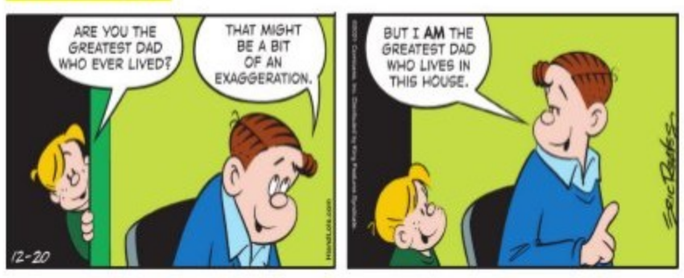

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Easy : Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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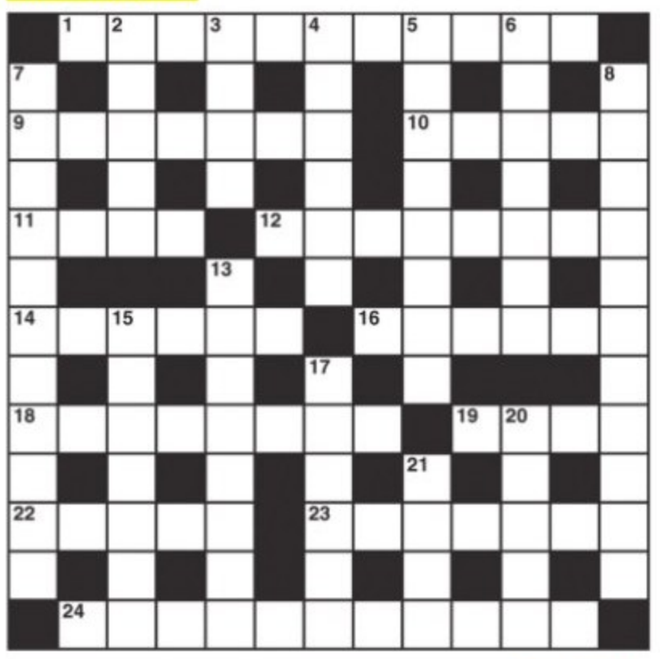
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Prominent? It's not yet settled (11)
9 Displayed - a willingness to invest? (4,3)
10 The US stock market depends on its products (5)
11 Southern timber used in window construction (4)
12 They show how to make a mixture of rum and ale (8)
14 Slides out edges (6)
16 Code letter one has to eat perhaps (6)
18 100 is too old for insurance (8)
19 Like one always starting in the East (4)
22 Gate for all competitors (5)
23 Make someone jump beginning with the French (7)
24 Bookstand wrecked by angered kids (7,4)

DOWN
2 Can turn into American fighting formations (5)
3 Block the way to work? (4)
4 Fighting a case (6)
5 Shoot an African and you'll get jail (8)
6 No more - it's enough to perplex (7)
7 It may be of fun told value (5,6)
8 Person with two hips? (11)
13 Given away (8)
15 Very keen supporter voted out on two points (7)
17 Urges preparation for breakfast? (4,2)
20 Grounds worth seeing one hears (5)
21 Music circle (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Hamlet, 4 Espalier, 9 Nursed, 10 Stockade, 12 Iota, 13 Gross, 14 Mere, 17 Game of chance, 20 Music teacher, 23 Aces, 24 Aglow, 25 Dean, 28 All clear, 29 Lead-in, 30 Turnover, 31 Bridge.

Down: 1 Hangings, 2 Mark time, 3 Ewer, 5 Satisfaction, 6 Arch, 7 Images, 8 Reefer, 11 Cracking pace, 15 Bonus, 16 Scrap, 18 Threaded, 19 Ordnance, 21 Vacant, 22 Dealer, 26 Alto, 27 Tear.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TINYU

RLIGL

HLAHTE

TYMSSE

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Ans. here: " ○○ - ○○○○○ - ○○ "

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
BRASH HITCH UNCORK INLAND
ANSWER: When her neighbor brought over some grapes she said - THANKS A BUNCH

The Dharwad district administration and education department are ready to reopen schools in Hubballi-Dharwad and both the rural taluks from Monday by following strict Covid guidelines. Following the increase in number of Covid cases, holiday was declared from January 13. Students from many schools tested positive during routine checkups in both cities.

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State breaks second wave record, logs 50,210 cases

Omicron wave marked by high transmissibility, low mortality

NIRAD MUDUR @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA on Sunday broke the pandemic's second wave record, with the highest number of added cases – 50,210 cases reported across the state, just 23 days into the third wave. This whopping addition in such a short span of time into the third wave points to the high transmissibility of the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus, said to be already in community transmission in the Indian population.

The state had recorded 50,112 cases on May 5, 2021, during the peak stage of the second wave, with the Delta variant of the virus then in community transmission, and when the Covid-19 tally was 17,41,046.

With a huge addition in the number of cases reported on Sunday, the state's Covid-19 tally shot up to 35,17,682.

The overall positivity rate (through the pandemic) has risen to 5.80 per cent. The last time the state's positivity rate was the same was on November 8, 2021, the only difference being that it was on a steady decline then, while it is on the rise since January 10, when it was 5.29 per cent.

The rising cases and increasing positivity rate have pushed the recovery rate down consistently since January 1. From 98.41 per cent on that day, the recovery rate has slumped to 88.73 per cent. The last time the state's recovery rate was in the same range was on June 5, 2021, when it was 88.83 per cent.

State capital Bengaluru on Sunday saw its third-highest case addition, with 26,299 cases, three days after the city witnessed its pandemic record-highest addition of 30,540 cases on January 20. The second highest addition was on the following day, with 29,068 cases.

Bengaluru's recovery rate is faring even worse than the state figure. It slumped to 84.33 per cent on Sunday, just a day after it witnessed an increase to 84.94 per cent – the first time it rose since December 13, 2021.

However, Karnataka's and Bengaluru's Covid-19 mortality rates are steadily declining – 1.09 per cent and 1.04 per cent, respectively.

Health officials explained that the mortality rate declining is an indicator of the much lesser severity of the virus' Omicron variant, which is known to be 70 per cent more infectious than its predecessors.

Lower severity, although with higher infective capability, is sending the numbers into a spiral, while the deaths -- as well as hospitalisation – are relatively less. This is the factor pushing down the mortality rate, they explained.

A health worker collects a swab sample from a boy for a Covid test at a Bengaluru bus terminal | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 320 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today:**50,210** | Yesterday:**42,470**

TALLY
Today: **35,17,682**
Yesterday: **34,67,472**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **19**	Today: **22,842**
Yesterday: **26**	Yesterday: **35,140**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **3,57,796**
Yesterday: **3,30,447**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **5.80%**	Today: **1.09%**
Yesterday: **5.74%**	Yesterday: **1.11%**

RECOVERY RATE Today: **88.73%** Yesterday: **89.35%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	**26,299**
Bengaluru Rural	**925**
Bagalkot	331
Ballari	904
Belagavi	885
Bidar	368
Chamarajanagar	664
Chikkaballapur	552
Chikkamagaluru	144
Chitradurga	246
Dakshina Kannada	770
Davanagere	495
Dharwad	955
Gadag	274
Hassan	1,922
Haveri	165
Kalaburagi	853
Kodagu	1,139
Kolar	824
Koppal	510
Mandya	1,455
Mysuru	4,359
Raichur	410
Ramanagara	199
Shivamogga	611
Tumakuru	1,963
Udupi	947
Uttara Kannada	641
Vijayapura	249
Yadgir	151

UNCONFIRMED

Government vaccination claim disputed by many

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

SUDHAKAR'S claim of 100 per cent first dose coverage was disputed by many.

"We at Karol Foundation did a lot of free vaccine drives and we have a database of lower income groups, mostly Muslims and Dalits, staying between Nagawara and Tannery Road area. Thousands of them are not ready to take the vaccine and say they are ready to die but not take the jab. They do not even go to hospitals if they are sick," said Saqib Idrees, adding that some people from elite groups are also against the Covid vaccine.

Idrees said it is wrong to make such claims of 100 per cent first dose coverage and the best that the government can say is that they have vaccinated the majority of the population. Also a member of Bangalore for Migrant workers, Idrees said several migrant worker colonies are against the vaccine. Hailing from Kundapur, he has come across people here and in Bhatkal who did not wish to get vaccinated.

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Mysuru breaches 2L case mark

KARTHIK KK @Mysuru

MYSURU district crossed two lakh Covid-19 cases on Sunday, the second highest tally in the State.

The district, recording more than 8,000 cases with a positivity rate of more than 50 percent, saw 4,359 cases on Sunday, taking the cumulative cases to 2,03,030.

The district's active cases stand at 16,447. More than 1,84,131 patients have recovered while 2,452 have succumbed to the virus so far.

Of the total active cases, around 15,940 are in home-isolation with mild or no symptoms. Among the rest, 178 patients are being treated at government hospitals, 116 at private hospitals while 213 are at Covid care centres. Meanwhile, health officials predicted that the caseload might double and even touch 8,000 cases by the first week of February. as they prepare thousands of home-isolation kits.

"Separate home isolation kits are being prepared for adults and children while drop based medication are included for kids in home-isolation," said members, who were packing home-isolation kits.

> Separate home isolation kits are being prepared for adults and children while drop based medication are included for kids in home-isolation
>
> Health officials

Patients at a free health check-up camp in Belagavi | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

20 docs, 45 staffers in Belagavi hospital test positive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

AS many as 20 doctors and 45 staff members attached to the district hospital (Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences) and nursing college tested Covid-positive on Sunday.

As Belagavi has been witnessing a big rise in Covid cases, the government had asked all employees of government offices and hospitals to undergo RT-PCR tests, which led to several of them testing positive.

The doctors and staff, who are positive, have been asked to go under home isolation, BIMS sources said. For the time-being, the staff from the nursing college who are negative have been deputed to BIMS to attend to patients.

Free health checkup camp

Meanwhile, a team led by Rahul Satish Jarkiholi, son of MLA Satish Jarkiholi, conducted a Covid awareness programme and health check-up camp, which received a good response, in front of Renuka Devi temple at Kadoli village in Belagavi taluk on Sunday.

Former zilla panchayat member Arun Katambale inaugurated the camp. Doctors examined the patients free of cost at the camp and provided medicines.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANTHOSH KUMAR RAJASHEKAR JAGADISH**, Resident of No. 48, 2nd Cross, Opp. Ananda Nilaya Apartment, Ramamurthy Nagar, Yerranapalya, Bangalore - 560 016, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANTOSH KUMAR RAJASHEKAR JAGADISH** to **SANTHOSH KUMAR RAJASHEKAR JAGADISH** also known as **SANTHOSH KUMAR R J** vide affidavit dated 22.01.2022 sworn to before N. Nagappa, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PARVATHI KUMARI KANUMURI**, Resident of No. 813/D5, 1st Floor, 26th Main, 5th Cross, MCHS Colony, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 076, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PARVATHI KUMARI KOLA** to **PARVATHI KUMARI KANUMURI.** Hereafter I shall be known and called as **PARVATHI KUMARI KANUMURI** only vide affidavit dated 22.01.2022 sworn to before N. Nagappa, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAMESHKUMAR HOSAMANI** S/o Shivappa Hosamani, aged about 45 years, R/at No.29, 5th Cross, Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore-64, I declare that hereinafter I renounced my former names **RAMESH KUMAR HOSAMANI, RAMESHKUMAR S HOSAMANI, RAMESHKUMAR SHIVAPPA HOSAMANI** and assume my present name as **RAMESHKUMAR HOSAMANI.** My name hereinafter shall be called as **RAMESHKUMAR HOSAMANI.** Vide affidavit dated 21-01-2022 sworn before K.V. Nanjaiah Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru

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Sd/-
EDWIN GUNASINGH.G
Place: Bengaluru Date: 24.01.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public at large are hereby notified that our Client has negotiated for purchase of the Schedule Property described hereunder from its owner **M/s DRL Logistics Pvt Ltd,** and our Client intends to conclude the said transaction. As such any person(s) having any claim whatsoever over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to file their objections, claims, if any, alongwith supporting documents to the below mentioned address within **21 (twenty one) days** from the date of this notice. If no objections/claims are received within the said period, our Client shall proceed as bonafide purchaser to conclude the sale transaction by paying the entire sale consideration amount and getting the sale deed registered in his favour.

SCHEDULE

All that piece & parcel of property bearing No. 20 (Old No. 22/11), present BBMP PID No. 48-9-20, situated at 8th Cross, H. Siddaiah Road, Bengalooru measuring East to West: 60 ft. & North to South: 40 ft., comprising of ground, first & second floors, and bounded on the **East:** Lalithamma's Property, **West:** Road, **North:** Sarojamma's Property & **South:** V.L. Purushotham's Property.

G.S. PRASANNA KUMAR, Advocate
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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. (KMBL)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued **Demand Notices** under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to **KMBL**, within **60 days** from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/ writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to KMBL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
1	**Loan Account No. LAP17649509 & LAP17656740** **1) Dasaraj B L URS,** #2931, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Saraswathi Puram, Near VST Bajaj, Mysore-570009. **Also at:** Sri Nimishamba Stationery, No.19 1B, 3rd Stage, Indl Suburb, Mysore-570008. **Also at:** No.2938, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Saraswathi Puram, Near VST Bajaj, Mysore-570009. **Also at:** Flat No.101, Ground Floor, Chandanavana, 5th Main, 12th Cross, Kumarakrupa West, Bangalore-560020 **(Borrower). 2) Mrs. Sahana J,** No.2938, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Saraswathi Puram, Near VST Bajaj, Mysore-570009 **(Co-Borrower/ Guarantor). 3) Mr. B L Kuldeepa Raj URS,** No.2938, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Saraswathi Puram, Near VST Bajaj, Mysore-570009. **Also at:** Flat No.101, Ground Floor, Chandanavana, 5th Main, 12th Cross, Kumarakrupa West, Bangalore-560020 **(Co-Borrower/ Guarantor). 4) Sri Nimishamba Stationery,** No.19/1B, 3rd Stage, Industrial Suburb, Mysore-570008 **(Co-Borrower/ Guarantor).**	**Demand Notice Date: 13-01-2022** **Rs. 1,49,30,414.14 Ps** (Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakh Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen and Paisa Fourteen Only)	**Mortgage over following properties: ITEM No.1:** All that part and parcel of the immoveable property being residential Flat No.002 (101), ground floor, present municipal No.6/1, House property bearing Old CITB No.42, Municipal No.5, 5th main road, Kumar Park West, Bangalore, Corporation division no.71 (PID No.77-85-6/1) having plinth area/ SBUS of 1291 Sq.Ft and UDS 609 in the land and **bounded on: East:** Private property No.41, **West:** Private property No.43, **North:** Private property No.30, **South:** Main Road. **Postal Address:** Flat No.101, Ground Floor, Chandanavana, 5th Main, 12th Cross, Kumarapark West, Bangalore-560020. **ITEM No.2:** All that Piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing No.2938, New No.CH-1, built on site No.2938, 1st Main Road, 3rd Cross, Saraswathi Puram, Chamaraj Mohalla, Mysore- 570009 measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 72 feet together with all existing buildings and structures thereon and building and Structures as may be erected/ Constructed there upon any time from/ after the date of respective mortgages and all addition thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or parentally fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future **bounded on: East:** Conservancy, **West:** Private belong to Sri.Ballaih, **North:** Road, **South:** Conservancy.
2	**Loan Account No. LAP17882118 & LAP17757487** **1) Mr. Darshanik M M.,** No.77, Karishma Farms/ Hills/ Layout, Gubbalala Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore-560061 **(Borrower). 2) Mr. M L Manjunath, 3) Mrs. Poornima Anjanappa,** No.77, Karishma Farms/ Hills/ Layout, Gubbalala Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore-560061 **(Co-Borrower/ Guarantor). 4) NIK Industries, 5) Cartonsonline India,** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Darshanik M M,** No.1/3, Sy No71/1, Srinidhi Industrial Estate, Seegehalli, Opposite to Rasi Residency, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560091 **(Co-Borrower/ Guarantor).**	**Demand Notice Date: 13-01-2022** **Rs.2,21,87,296.93** (Rupees: Two Crore Twenty One Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Six and Paisa Ninety Three Only)	**Mortgage over following properties:** All that Piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing No.77, Karishma Farms/ Hills/ Layout, Khata No.694, BBMP Khata No.829/51/2, Sy.No.51/2A, Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560061, converted from Agricultural to Non Agricultural residential purpose Vide Office Memorandum bearing No.B.DIS:ALN.SR(S): 446/2003-04 dated 16-02-2004, measuring 0.09.40 guntas (951.35 Mtrs) and **bounded on: East:** Property No.78, **West:** Service lane and Property No.142, **North:** Property No.76, **South:** By open Space and Property No.88. together with all existing buildings and structures thereon and building and Structures as may be erected/ Constructed there upon any time from/ after the date of respective mortgages and all addition thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or parentally fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **KMBL** as aforesaid, **KMBL** shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **KMBL.** Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 24.01.2022, Place: Mysore / Bangalore — **Sd/- Authorized Officer, For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.**

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Notice for sale of immovable properties.
[Under Proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules]

SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Can Fin Homes Ltd., Hesaraghatta Branch,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 02.03.2022, for recovery of Rs.19,92,469/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Nine only)** due to **Can Fin Homes Ltd.** from **Mrs. Pushpalatha And Mr. Pruthvi R (Borrowers), and Mr. Punith And Mr. Panish (Guarantor)** as on **22.02.2019,** together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs.39,00,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,90,000/-** (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All That Piece And Parcel Of An Immovable Residential Property Bearing Site No.1, Katha No.14, Assessment/Survey No.96/1, Situated At Chikkabanavara Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru Measuring East To West 25 Feet, North To South 40 Feet, In All Measuring 1000 Sq Ft Along With 2835 Sqft Constructed Area. Bounded On: East: Maseedi, West: Remaining Portion Of Same Site, North: Road, South: Remaining Portion Of Same Site

Encumbrances: Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of **Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com).Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx**

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The sleuths of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) have arrested two persons in connection with the alleged plot to murder Kannada film producer Umapathy Srinivas. The two were absconding for more than a year. Darshan and Sanju are the arrested accused

CM post: Cong leaders scout for winnable seats

Leaders of grand old party eye 'safe' constituencies where they can nurture their dream for the CM's post

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

WITH the elections to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly just a year away, bigwigs of the Congress have seemingly turned ultra-conscious about their selection of seats, which they hope to win, as they vie for the CM's post should the party return to power in 2023.

"The party coming to power is 120 per cent certain," claimed Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah.

Hence, the leaders have been trying to play safe and even have been eyeing 'safe' constituencies where they can nurture their dream for the CM's post before 2023. Siddaramaiah, who had contested from two seats in 2018, had lost from Chamundeshwari, but won from Badami by a margin of just 1,696 votes. If not for Satish Jarkiholi's aggressive campaigning, it would have become tough for the former CM to win the seat against the strong Nayaka community leader from the BJP, B Sriramulu. Now, Satish, as KPCC working president, has also been running for the CM's post in 2023, and he may concentrate mainly on his Yemakanmardi Assembly seat.

Moreover, veteran leader and five-time MLA B B Chimmanakatti, who had sacrificed his seat to Siddaramaiah in 2018, had turned vocal against the latter at a public meeting in Badami recently, advising him to go back to Mysuru district.

Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah has plans to switch to the Hunsur seat which represents members of his Kuruba community, STs and also minorities in sizable numbers. And if G T Deve Gowda joins the Congress, it may help Siddaramaiah further get Vokkaliga votes on which Gowda has command.

While party veterans are confident of Congress' victory in the 2023 polls, they are also conscious about the right selection of seats for victory | FILE

"Hunsur was represented by D Devaraj Urs, who became Chief Minister of Karnataka for two terms, and this emotional cord may also work in Siddaramaiah's favour," remarked a leader.

Meanwhile, KPCC president D K Shivakumar has managed to keep his Kanakapura Assembly constituency intact, since the Mekedatu padayatra helped him to a large extent.

MB Patil, who is also claimed to be a strong potential CM face from North Karnataka, has no qualms with the Babaleshwar seat, where he enjoys a strong following.

However, former deputy chief minister Dr G Parameshwara is likely to face some difficulty, although he has managed to be in close contact with his electorate in Koratagere, owing to a complex caste matrix wherein his SC Right community's votes are not as big as the Left community's votes. Also, the AHINDA leaders at the state-level may intervene and get their respective communities to defeat him, should he plan to run for CM.

Accordingly, Parameshwara on Saturday asked supporters at his Koratagere Assembly constituency not to brand him as a 'CM face'.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

CLP leader Siddaramaiah meets with a group of women led by former JDS minister Leeladevi R Prasad in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Tectonic shift? Leeladevi meets Siddu

JDS leader and former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy has been aiming acrimonious arrows at bete noir Siddaramaiah for some months now. No doubt, the reason is old political rivalry, but now he may have a new bone to pick with Siddaramaiah. A group of women led by former JDS minister Leeladevi R Prasad reportedly met the Congress leader on Saturday, and presented a memorandum to him as leader of the opposition, to bring pressure on the government not to scrap Akka Mahadevi University. There could more to the visit than meets the eye, though -- the trend among JDS leaders to shift camp is quite obvious. Former MLC BEML Kantharaju, MLAs G T Deve Gowda and S R Srinivas, and now, Leeladevi?

Cong has a role for leaders of all shades

As with most politically renowned families, there is always an illustrious pioneer. In the case of the Nalapad family, it was N A Mohammed, who toiled hard as a contractor of the Upper Krishna Project and made his little pot of money. It is said that Mohammed -- grandfather of the enfant terrible of Congress politics -- was a humble man who moved from Kasaragod on the Kerala border to steel city Bhadravathi in Karnataka in the sixties, where he set up a metal scrap business. It clicked. After moving to Bengaluru, son N A Haris opted for politics, and made it big, though not quite as big as he desired. While **Mohammed Haris Nalapad**, Youth Congress Committee president-designate, has allegedly become controversy's child, the Congress isn't going too tough on him. Late prime minister Rajiv Gandhi had once stated that "controversial leaders may also be useful for the organisation" -- words which KPCC president D K Shivakumar appears to be taking seriously, and is backing the young leader. The party has his uses of him too, it seems.

Bizman digs up dirt on officer

Alam Pasha, the millionaire businessman who took on Sugar Minister Murugesh Nirani, dragging him right up to the Supreme Court with a series of serious allegations, has now trained his guns on Nirani's adviser M B Dyaberi, appointed adviser to the Commerce and Industries department. In a formal complaint to the head of the bureaucracy, Chief Secretary Ravi Kumar, Pasha gave case-by-case details and made serious allegations of misappropriation and corruption against Dyaberi from his past, when he had served in many important official capacities. Nirani and Dyaberi have been mum on this latest salvo, and the Nirani team is concerned about who Pasha will go after next.

Full-time Speaker, weekend farmer

Those who occupy important constitutional positions may seem high and mighty, but many of them lead quite simple lives. A case in point is former education minister and present Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, who is a fairly affluent areca farmer. Over the weekend, he was seen at his farm in Uttara Kannada district, in white panche and white shirt folded at the sleeves, harvesting arecanut, something which requires skill. Pictures of Kageri carrying a large bunch of freshly harvested arecanuts were doing the rounds of social media. Way to go, Mr Speaker!

OPPN LEADERS FLAY CENTRE FOR FIRING 80 ITI WORKERS

ENS @Bengaluru

OPPOSITION leaders in Karnataka lambasted the Central Government over laying off around 80 workers of Bengaluru's ITI factory, a public sector undertaking, for forming a union. The unemployed workers have been protesting for 55 days outside the factory premises.

Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah said, "It is unfortunate that voices of 80 ITI workers are being ignored even after 55 days of protest. Laying off employees by an esteemed PSU may be the result of an ongoing effort of disinvestment. The Narendra Modi government is forcing PSUs to take unethical steps to cut down expenses."

The protest by ITI employees enters its 55th day on Monday | EXPRESS

"The ITI management should ensure that the protesting workers are reinstated and their concerns addressed," he added.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar said, "The ongoing workers strike in one of the biggest PSUs in India shows how the BJP government has ruined the sector through a series of disastrous steps."

Rajya Sabha MP, Dr Syed Nasir Hussain, told TNIE, "How can anyone not resolve their grievances for so long?"

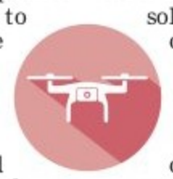
Activist Leo Saldanha told *TNIE*, "It's absolutely unbelievable that Bengaluru is now witnessing the retrenchment of ITI workers merely because they unionised and fought for their due rights. What we are staring at is enforcement of Emergency-era laws against workers' unions."

Farmers keen on buying drones after Centre offers subsidy

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE Centre's announcement to provide subsidies in purchasing drones, by revised guidelines, has generated interest among farmers and their organisations to buy and use drones for agricultural and allied activities.

Agriculture Minister B C Patil told *TNIE*, "Karnataka has about 12.3 million hectares under agriculture and this (drone) will help the farmers a lot in alleviating labour problems. I will speak to the harvest centres to help the farmers use drones."



Karnataka's former agriculture additional secretary Dr GK Vasanth Kumar told *TNIE*, "Indian agricultural productivity as compared to the productivity of farmers in some advanced nations like Israel has been rather poor, and scientific inputs have been blamed for it. Putting drones in the hands of farmers is like giving them the best and latest technology. It is good and necessary for agriculture in mapping, doing detailed surveys, soil mapping, disease identification, stress of plant, control of water and studying physiology of plant, and identifying sensors of plant, use of nanotechnology, among others."

Israel has been one of the key nations that has benefitted from the use of drones.

Israeli Consul Jonathan Zadka said, "The new subsidy plan for drones in agriculture is very important for promoting the use of such technology. This is probably one of the most relevant sectors for collaboration between Israel and India in drone technology, supporting precision-based agriculture and the improvement of sustainable agriculture. Drones offer effective solutions to complicated challenges and allow users to use innovative methods to reduce risk and uncertainty. Israeli companies are natural partners and offer services and solutions. Utilising autonomous drones that can be used, for example, to administer pesticides, deal with specific pests, monitor fields and detect crop disease at an early stage."

He said, "Israeli technology based on the development of high-resolution, low-distortion multispectral camera solutions for agriculture allows the synchronisation of multi-camera imagery from fast-flying drones with a single camera, providing advanced modelling."

R-Day tableau row rages in coastal dists

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

THE controversy surrounding the rejection of social reformer Sree Narayana Guru's tableau from the Republic Day Parade this year, is showing no signs of subsiding anytime soon, at least in the twin districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi.

More than in Kerala, where the BJP does not have much stakes, the saffron party seems to be worried about the political fallout of the issue in the coastal districts, where the Billavas are in large numbers.

Several Billava associations and the Guru's followers have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing his government of 'insulting' the social reformer, while the Opposition has criticised the ruling party too.

Strongly criticising the Centre, veteran Congress leader B Janardhan Poojary, also a Billava, has decided to hold a procession, with the portrait of the Guru, in Mangaluru on January 26, and has also called upon the people to unite and hold prayers on that day.

Meanwhile, the BJP has gone on the defensive by deputing its top Billava leaders to diffuse the situation. Starting from Energy Minister V Sunil Kumar and Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivasa Poojary, Billava leaders of the BJP see a conspiracy by the CPI(M) in Kerala and the Congress behind the rejection of the tableau.

Besides holding press meets, they are also paying visits to Kudroli Gokarnanatheshwara Temple, established by the Guru, in order to come clean over the issue.

BIG CAT CENSUS

Tech to track tigers, but where is the network?

BOSKY KHANNA
@Nagarahole Tiger Reserve

WHILE the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has made it mandatory for digital documentation of all data, the Forest Department officials standing in the core forest area are left without the network needed to accomplish this.

The exercise of uploading data for the tiger census was delayed because of bugs in the portal and a lack of ground data being accumulated from all the forests of India, but department officials state that they forgot the most important aspect, which is network. There is no network available in most of the forest patches, so the requirement to feed information on real-time basis cannot be met.

"This was one of the major questions raised at the meeting held in August 2021, during the all-India tiger census meeting in Mudumalai. The matter was echoed by all the reserves in South India. So it was decided that the information will be uploaded on the app, but will reach the centre when there is a proper network. Since each bit of information of any sample collected and the footsteps are all geo-tagged, the posibility of errors is being ruled out," said a forest official.

Another official pointed out that the next time the same has to be done, as suggested by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, it should be improvised. They should ensure that radars and internet is provided. One even quipped that ISRO can be roped in as it is already helping report forest fires on real-time basis through satellite images.

"Forests are places where people come to see and learn about nature. Having full network, 4G and 5G network, will not just effect conservation efforts, but will also have a major impact on safaris. This is because already, all tourists coming in are keen on sighting tigers and uploading pictures immediately on social media. This discussion of ensuring network in forests, especially safari areas will only dilute conservation efforts," admitted a senior forest official.

Seers being lured with SUVs, land, says Swami

MAHESH M GOUDAR
@Bagalkot/Vijayapura

THE decision to establish a third peeta of the Veerashaiva-Lingayat Panchamasali community, has led to a verbal war between a prominent pontiff of the community, and Sugar Minister **Murugesh Nirani**.

Kudalasangama Peeta seer Basava Jaya Mritunjaya Swamiji, the first seer of the community, has criticised Nirani for trying to divide the Panchamasali community with funding, and supporting a group of seers to set up a third peeta in Bagalkot.

"I have no objection in setting up a peeta in any part of this state, except Bagalkot, as there is already a peeta in that district. The new peeta is purely politically motivated, and is being backed by minister Nirani. The seers are being lured with high-end SUVs and pieces of land to divide a united community," Mritunjaya Swami told *TNIE*.

Countering the seer's statements, Nirani said, "I have not made any efforts to divide the community. I respect all peetas and have not differentiated among peetas. This peeta is being established after the consent of all members of the community"

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai pays homage to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAMBN

Netaji is alive in the hearts of Indians: CM

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"NETAJI inspired the youth with his call, 'give me blood and I will give you freedom'. He laid a strong foundation for the freedom struggle by inducting 60,000 youth into Azad Hind Fauj. His death has remained a mystery till today. He has become a globally renowned leader who is alive in the hearts of Indians," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said.

Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar, cabinet ministers Byrathi Basavaraj, Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, BC Nagesh, Narayana Gowda, MLAs Krishna Byregowda, Govindaraju and others were present.

THIS IS MY FOREST; MY DUTY TO PROTECT IT: WATCHER

BOSKY KHANNA
@Nagarahole Tiger Reserve

FOR 25-year-old anti-poaching camp watcher Chandrashekhar, excitement, enthusiasm and courage had no bounds when he learnt that he was first to start the sign survey and record the readings on the M-Stripe app, on the first day of the tiger census in Nagarhole Tiger Reserve at 6.30 am on Sunday. It was also a sense of pride and joy for him when he was walking through the rustic misty foggy paths in Doddahalla beat in the Nagarhole Range of the tiger reserve. He was accompanied by colleagues Ashok (30), also an anti-poaching camp watcher and Girish, a forest guard. After receiving a detailed briefing from range forest officer Muhammed Zeeshan, the trio set out on the census exercise.

"Though I have been a part of the annual tiger census in the reserve, this is the first time I am part of the all-India tiger census that happens once in five years. I am nervous, but most of all, I am happy and proud. As this is my forest, my home, and my workplace, it's now my duty to protect it. I have been briefed of how to look for signs like pug marks, scat and dung samples, scratch marks on trees or any other places, and even smell out urine signs of tigers," Chandrashekhar said.

Zeeshan explained that during the first three days, the sign survey is being completed in all the ranges and beats of the tiger reserve, where staffers in teams of 3-4, walk a stretch of 5 km and make readings, after which the direct line transect assessment will be done, where the same teams will not just note the signs, but also the presence of herbivores and carnivores.

In the line transect assessment, the staffers will walk on already chalked-out 2 sqkm grids and note all sightings and signs. If any direct sightings are found during the sign survey, it is a bonus.

Though I have been a part of the annual tiger census in the reserve, this is the first time I am part of the all-India tiger census that happens once in five years

Chandrashekhar, Anti-poaching camp watcher

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

NAVA KARNATAKA
FOR NAVA BHARATH

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

State to celebrate Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's 125th birth anniversary throughout the year

Launches Youth Empowerment Initiatives

- There are 78,000 NCC Units in Karnataka (Units present in 44,000 schools and 34,000 colleges).
- Govt. has newly constituted NCC units in 75 schools-colleges. These schools-colleges will be called **Netaji Amrith Schools-Colleges**. Govt. will provide financial aid.
- There are 500 NCC cadets in Mangalore, Karwar and Udupi. Primary Education Department to increase the no. of NCC units in these districts.
- To start new NCC training centres in Badami, Ramanagara, Vanivilas Sagar, Karwar and Barapole-Kodagu.
- To start an NCC training camp for 400 students in Kumbalagodu in collaboration with the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports.

23.01.2022 - Netaji's 125th Birth Anniversary Programme held at Jakkur Aerodrome

- 125th Birth anniversary celebration programme of Netaji held on 23.01.2022 at the Jakkur Aerodrome in collaboration with Home Dept., Department of Primary Education, Dept. of Higher Education and Youth Empowerment and Sports Dept. and NCC.
- Renovated Government Flying Training School at the Jakkur Aerodrome inaugurated. Foundation stone laid for the Helipad, Lounge and other infrastructure facilities worth Rs. 10 crore.
- New Technom - P2006T (Twin Engine) was dedicated to the nation.
- Heli Tourism launched.
- 25 Chetana Sports persons from 75 NCC cadets and sports departments participated. They were appointed as youth icons.
- To start self-defence training programmes for all female students of schools/colleges in association with the Police Department.
- Training programme for 100 new pilots at Government Flying Training School inaugurated.
- Exhibition of photographs of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose held.

Activities throughout the year

- To organize seminars in schools and colleges throughout the year as part of Netaji's 125th birth anniversary celebrations.
- To organize self-defence training programmes for women and girls on a comprehensive scale. To form batches and provide 45 days of rigorous training.

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

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Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE VI ADDL. FAMILY JUDGE AT BANGALORE

M.C. No. 2251 / 2021

BETWEEN : Mr. M. Ramakanth
...Petitioner

AND : Ms. Kavitha G.A.
...Respondent

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

To, **Ms. Kavitha G.A.,** D/o Mr. Amresh, Aged about 43 years, R/at # 922, 17th Cross, 47th Main, 1st Stage, Near Water Tank, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore - 560078.

Whereas, the above named petitioner has filed the above petition under S13(1) (ia) of the Hindu Marriage Act, against the respondent for the Decree of Divorce from the marriage and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed, before the Hon'ble VI Addl. Family Judge, at Bengaluru.

Take notice that in default of your non - appearance **on 15.02.2022 at 11.00 A.M.,** the petition will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as ex-parte.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court on this 21.01.2022.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner:
Ms. Jayashree, Advocate
1245, 3rd Cross, 1st Block,
New Thippasandra,
Bangalore - 560075.

NOTICE

TATA ELXSI LIMITED
Registered Office : ITPB Road Whitefield Bengaluru -560048 India

Notice is hereby given that the certificate for the undermentioned securities of the company have been lost and the holder of the said securities has applied to the company to issue duplicate certificate.

Any person who has a claim in respect of the said securities should lodge such claim with the company at its registered office within 15 days from this date, else the company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate without further intimation.

Name of the holder :
Jagdish Narain Srivastava
Kind of securities and face value : Equity and 10
No. of securities : 200
Distinctive number :
31398878 - 31399077

Place : Unnao
Date : 24-jan-2022

Jagdish Narain Srivastava
Name of the holder

KARNATAKA STATE INDUSTRIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

KSIIDC

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
4th Floor, East Wing, "Khanija Bhavan", No. 49, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Through Gok e-Procurement platform (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

Government of Karnataka intends to develop a project management software for infrastructure projects. KSIIDC invites Tender (Two cover system) through e-procurement platform from the eligible Applicants/ Bidders for **"Implementation of Project Management Software for Infrastructure Projects".** The tender document may be accessed from e-procurement portal of the GoK **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).**

Important Dates: Tender document can be downloaded from : **24.01.2022 onwards.** Pre-Bid Meeting: **27.01.2022 at 1100 hrs.** Last date for submisson of tender documents: **22.02.2022 up to 1700 hrs.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website**(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** Any further changes pertaining to this tender will be uploaded in e-procurement platform only. **Contact No. DGM(IPD-II), 080-22267014/9980070769. e-mail: ipd2@ksiidc.com**

DIPR/DDU/2966/MCA/2021-22 **Sd/- Deputy General Manager(IPD-II)**

Government of Karnataka

KARNATAKA SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION BOARD

6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003
Ph: 080- 23349434 Fax:23347670

No: B6/DPSLC/01/Ka.Le.Sa/2021-22 Date: 18.01.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director (Exams), Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board, hereby invites e-tenders from eligible tenderers for **"Printing, Supply and Overprinting of Attendance Cum Marks List (AML) and Centre Nominal Rolls (CNR) of 2022 S.S.L.C. Examinations"** as per KTPP Act-1999, through e-procurement portal only. Tender documents may be downloaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **www.sslc.karnataka.gov.in**

Tender commencement date is **24.01.2022.** Pre–bid meeting is on **29.01.2022 at 11.30 A.M.** The last date for submission of tender is **08.02.2022 at 4.00 P.M.** Date of opening Technical bid is on **10.02.2022 at 11.30 A.M.** Date of opening Commercial bid is on **21.02.2022 at 11.30 A.M.** The approximate value of tender is **Rs.16,00,000/-.** (Rs. Sixteen Lakhs Only). The earnest money deposit is **Rs.32,000/-** other details may be obtained from the KSEEB during office hours.

Sd/- Director (Exams)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
Jeevanmangal Building (Second Floor), No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025.

(See Sec.25 and Sec.29 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 read with II Schedule to the Income Tax Act 1961)

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
RC No.280/2019
In O.A. No.1187/2017

Between
Bank of Maharastra **... CHB/ Applicant**

AND

M/s. Bhavana Polymers and Others **... CDS/ Respondents**

Certified Debtors

1) **M/s. Bhavana Polymers,** Represented by it Proptix **Smt. Sonia Bhatia,** Major, **W/o. Naveen Bhatia,** Plot No.44, 1st Phase, Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, Korahobli, Tumkur-572128.
2) **Mr. Naveen Bhatia,** Major, **S/o. Satya Paul Bhatia,** R/at No.201, 2nd Floor, Cheatuea De Marque, No.72, St. Marks Road, Bangalore-560001.

Whereas IN EXECUTION OF certificate **No.280/2019** in **O.A. No.1187/2017** drawn by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned properties.

You are hereby informed that the **15th day** from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All those pieces and parcels of the land situated being and lying at Village Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area in Registration District of Tumkur Sub District Tumkur admeasuring 43040 Sq.ft and bearing Plot No.44 in Sy.No.10 and 61 part of Nagenahalli Village, Kora Hobli, Tumkur Taluk and District and **Bounded as follows that is to Say: East by:** Plot No.34, **West by:** 60ft Wide Road No.23, **North by:** Plot No.45-A, **South by:** 60ft wide Road No.26.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 30/11/2021.

RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERTY TRIBUNAL-II
BENGALURU

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

CIN-L65910KL1992PLC006623
IV/470A (old) W638A(New), Manappuram House, Valapad, Thrissur, Kerala - 680 567.

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/02/2022 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website . The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

BANGALORE, BIDADI, 107580700039417, RAMESH, 79839/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 9562, SHIVALINGAIAH, 7000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9630, DEVARAJ, 139759/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 9660, KANTHARAJU V, 23969/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9661, PRATHAP N, 109107/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS 2, 9711, KAMALAMMA H K, 21000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,LOCKET 2, 9785, NAGARAJU, 24883/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9854, RAVI M, 69881/-, CHAIN 1, 9913, KAGGALLAIAH S, 94912/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 9935, LEELAVATHI, 171057/-, CHAIN 1, 9969, DARSHAN R, 11000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9984, KANTHARAJU V, 9655/-, MATTI 2, 107580700040015, MURALIDHARA, 16791/-, STUD 2, 0112, SHIVALINGAIAH, 31000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0131, BALAGANGADHARA SWAMY, 35902/-, CHAIN 1, 0291, REVANNA, 13000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0334, RANJEETH KUMAR MS, 15500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0450, VENKATESH B K, 19980/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0697, MUTTHURAJU, 122795/-, CHAIN 1, 0742, MADHUKESH, 42000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0823, THOHID PASHA, 17993/-, CHAIN 1, 0912, MUTTHURAJU, 59991/-, NECKLACE 1, 1086, MUNIRAJU, 60151/-, CHAIN 1, 1098, RUKMINI, 35280/-, FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 2, 1189, KIRAN S, 31994/-, CHAIN 1, 1433, MANJUNATHA, 27992/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 1654, MAILUSWAMY, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 1868, NARAYANA R, 93977/-, FINGER RINGS 5, 2043, NARAYANA R, 130121/-, NECKLACE 1, 2397, SHASHIDARA M, 26992/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 2745, MAHESHA M, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 107580730015208, SUDHAKARA V, 28981/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 5567, RAJANNA K M, 404668/-, BRACELET 2,BROAD BANGLES 4,NECKLACE 1, 5693, KUMAR C, 10645/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5731, KUMAR C, 15707/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5733, KUMAR C, 11958/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5933, RAJANNA K M, 153920/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 2,NECKLACE 1, 6031, KUMAR C, 7382/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6033, KUMAR C, 71166/-, CHAIN 1,MATTI 2, 6034, KUMAR C, 138030/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS 1, 6228, PRASANNA.B.N, 25937/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 6229, PRASANNA.B.N, 64801/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6351, NAGESH, 28375/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6352, DARSHAN GOWDA G M, 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K H, 16007/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 9259, SATHYAVATHI V H, 414800/-, BANGLE 2,CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 12,FINGER RINGS 4, 9303, SAVITHRAMMA, 20859/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9325, PRAVEEN KUMAR.C, 21850/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 9469, CHIDANANDA GOWDA, 18953/-, BRACELET 1, 9529, NARENDRA KUMAR.K, 60567/-, CHAIN 2, 9588, PUNITHA U, 18015/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9618, CHAITHRA G, 167124/-, NECKLACE 1, 9626, PUTTARAJU K.M, 98732/-, CHAIN 1, 9719, KAVYA N, 58726/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 9950, HARISH V, 51538/-, CHAIN 1, 107580730020044, HOMBANNA, 15988/-, STUD 2, 0046, HOMBANNA, 12297/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0156, CHETHAN N, 15133/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0281, YASHWANTHAKUMAR M, 123772/-, BRACELET 1,NECKLACE 1, 0395, YASHWANTHAKUMAR M, 5495/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0423, HARSHITHA V K, 21495/-, LOCKET 1, 0811, SUMAN KUMAR A, 56050/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 0813, SUMAN KUMAR A, 82990/-, NECKLACE 1, 1014, CHETHAN KUMAR, 22308/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1092, CHANNAPPA, 10662/-, STUD 2, 1459, KRISHNAIAH B K, 19942/-, DROPS & 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CPM General Secretary has reiterated that BJP's sole aim was to implement RSS's fascist agenda which was coming true in the present day, and cautioned that the day was not far when BJP would declare India as a 'Hindu State' as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations being held commemorating 75 years of independence

Voice against amendments to IAS rules grows

It would go against principles of federalism and rights of state govts, say Stalin, Pinarayi

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TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and his Kerala counterpart Pinarayi Vijayan on Sunday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to drop the proposed amendments to IAS Cadre Rules as they would go against the principles of federalism and the rights of State governments.

MK Stalin

Pinarayi Vijayan

While Stalin said the move would lead to concentration of powers with the Centre and cause friction between the Union and State governments, Vijayan said the move will induce fear psychosis and attitude of hesitancy among All-India Service Officers in implementing state government policies.

Stalin's letter dated January 22nd was in response to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) circular seeking response from the State governments on the proposal to meet personnel requirements of the Union government. Charging the Union government for the shortage of IAS officers, Stalin said many State governments, too, are woefully short of officers at specific seniority levels primarily due to the wrong cadre management policies of the Centre. "While the Union government is using the common pool of Group-I officers at the national level, the State governments solely depend on the limited pool of IAS officers available in the State," he said.

The DoPT had proposed the amendment in the IAS Cadre Rules (1954) in which an additional condition was inserted in Rule 6(1): "Provided that each State government shall make available for deputation to the Union Government, the number of eligible officers of various levels to the extent of the Central Deputation Reserve prescribed under regulations referred to in Rule 4(1), adjusted proportionately by the number of officers available with the State government concerned vis-a-vis the total authorized strength of the State cadre at a given point of time. The actual number of officers to be deputed to the Union Government will be decided by the Centre in consultation with the State concerned.

NO IHU VARIANT YET, BUT INDIA NEEDS TO BE ALERT, SAY EXPERTS

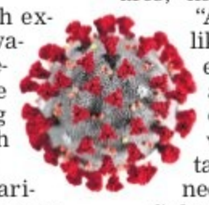
An empty junction in Chennai owing to the weekend curfew implemented to curb Covid-19 cases on Sunday | EXPRESS

ACTIVE CASELOAD CROSSES 2 LAKH-MARK IN TN, BUT DAILY FRESH COVID-19 CASES DIP

Chennai: In just 25 days since the beginning of the third wave, active Covid-19 cases in the State crossed the two lakh mark on Sunday. On a positive note, the State on Sunday reported less number of fresh cases compared to the previous day. Health Minister Ma Subramanian also said it is a relief that the cases are declining in the state and full lockdowns may not be needed if the trend continues. The death rate is also low when compared to the second wave. However, senior health officials said the experts suggest the cases may start declining only in the second or third week of February, hence reopening schools now won't be the right thing. The daily fresh cases started rising from December 29 and on Sunday the active cases touched 2,00,954. But fresh cases on Sunday were 30,580, which is 164 less than Saturday's.

MOHSIN ALI @ Hyderabad

THE IHU B.1.640.2, the latest Covid-19 variant that was first found in France, has not yet been detected in India. However, according to health experts, the country needs to closely monitor the situation and be alert against the variant that carries more than 46 mutations and could spread rapidly in densely populated areas.



According to health experts, though the prevalence of Omicron is declining worldwide, the IHU B.1.640.2 is among the new variants which will continue to grow.

"We may see new variants and mutations for years. People need not worry. But researchers need to monitor these new variants to know their severity and suggestvprecautionary measures," they opine.

The IHU B.1.640.2 is a mild variant and not a severe one as less than one per cent of cases were detected in France and a few in the UK. The genome sequencing revealed that the variant had only mild symptoms. According to Rakesh Mishra, Director of Tata Institute for Genetics and Society, it is not yet clear how different IHU B.1.640.2 will be with other mutations and how fast it will spread in India.

"The mutation will keep changing by nature. The nation needs to move forward, even with the virus prevailing, by taking precautionary measures," he said.

"All new variants are likely to be mild spreaders. Immune system and antibodies are enough to fight such variants. With new mutations, there will be no need for vaccinations to fight all the new variants. But ignoring those and not taking precautionary measures may prove dangerous," he added. "For all variants, we need to follow the standard precautionary measures like wearing face masks, avoiding gatherings and crowding. Adequate ventilation is mandatory. In addition, vaccination (if suggested) will help lower the severity of disease," he said.

Two held for conspiring to murder film producer

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@ Bengaluru

THE sleuths of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) have arrested two persons in connection with the alleged plot to murder Kannada film producer Umapathy Srinivas.

The two were absconding for more than a year.

Darshan and Sanju are the arrested accused. Police said that the duo was arrested by the Organised Crime Wing (OCW) of the CCB, following a credible tip-off that they were near a bar and restaurant in Sunkadakatte.

The police team rushed to the spot and nabbed the duo, which had managed to evade arrest for one year.

In December 2020, the Jayanagar police had arrested a gang that was planning to murder film producer Umapathy and his brother Deepak Gowda.

The police had arrested 16 people in connection with the case and had found that the gang had received supari from a person, who shared business rivalry with Umapathy, to eliminate the latter.

105 VESSELS

Stop Sri Lanka from auctioning our boats: TN fishers to govt

ANTONY FERNANDO
@ Nagapattinam (Tamil Nadu)

THE fishermen and fisher-representatives from Tamil Nadu demand the governments' intervention in stopping Sri Lanka from auctioning their seaworthy boats.

The Sri Lankan government is planning to auction at least 105 seized Indian vessels in February.

The department of fisheries and aquatic resources in Sri Lanka has advertised a series of public auctions in February where 105 seized fishing boats from India will go under the hammer.

The boats have been seized by Sri Lankan armed forces and have been made as Sri Lankan government properties as per the law for allegedly crossing into Sri Lankan waters.

An official from the fisheries department in Tamil Nadu said, "Most of the boats may have lost seaworthiness after rusting in their harbours for years. Sri Lankan fisheries department may be selling the boats for scrap. Much of the boats belong to fishers from Tamil Nadu districts such as Ramanathapuram, Nagapattinam, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur and Mayiladuthurai districts. They had been seized while arresting fishers from Tamil Nadu for allegedly crossing IMBL."

Actor Dileep arrives for questioning at the Crime Branch Office in Kochi on Sunday | EXPRESS

Dileep urges SC to not delay trial in actor assault case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kochi

ACTOR Dileep approached the Supreme Court requesting not to delay the ongoing trial in the actor assault case. The actor, in his plea to the apex court said 202 witnesses have been examined so far. He alleged that the demand for further investigation in the case is only intended to delay the trial at the additional special sessions court in Kochi.

Dileep's plea comes in response to the state government's petition seeking more time for the trial of the case. The Supreme Court is to consider the petition on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Kerala High Court, on Saturday, directed the investigation team not to arrest Dileep till January 27 in the case pertaining to allegedly threatening to endanger the lives of the investigation officers probing the 2017 actor assault case

Overspeeding truck topples, kills journalist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

The truck that toppled near Town Hall in Bengaluru on Sunday

A 49-year-old journalist was killed on the spot after a truck toppled on him after ramming a road divider near Town Hall, on Sunday evening.

The deceased, Gangadhar Murthy SS, was working as chief sub-editor of a Kannada newspaper. Hailing from Sringeri, Murthy was living with his family in Nagasandra, near Peenya. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Police said the incident occurred around 4.30pm when Murthy was going to the office on his two-wheeler. A truck bearing a Maharashtra registration number and carrying empty chemical drums was allegedly overspeeding, and hit the road divider. The truck fell on Murthy, who was just then passing by. "While the driver escaped from the spot, commuters pulled out Murthy, who was stuck under the truck. He was rushed to Victoria Hospital, where he breathed his last at 5.20pm," Halasuru Gate police said.

Auto driver held for raping minor

BENGALURU: A 34-year-old autorickshaw driver has been arrested on the charges of raping a minor girl at her residence on Saturday evening. According to the Nandini Layout police, the eight-year-old girl's mother, a garment worker, was away at work when the accused barged into her house at 6.30 pm and assaulted the minor and fled the scene. The girl's mother, upon returning home, found the girl crying. The girl narrated what had happened to her mother, who then took the girl to a nearby hospital and alerted the police. The police arrested the accused around midnight and took him into custody. The accused has been booked under POCSO Act. The accused is married and has two children.

Construction worker killed in drunken brawl

BENGALURU: Kothanur police have arrested three construction labourers on the charges of killing another worker in a drunken brawl and later escaping to their native in Assam. According to the police, the three accused— Anthony Singh, Kishan and Niranjan— and three others were working at an under-construction site and staying in sheds. The accused would get drunk daily and create ruckus all night, which irritated Murugan (27), a native of Tamil Nadu, who was staying in a nearby shed. On January 1, Murugan objected to the them creating ruckus. Enraged, they entered into an argument with Murugan and attacked him with a cricket bat. Murugan, who sustained severe injuries to his head, was taken to Victoria Hospital, where he succumbed two days later.

Man shoots, injures two in Virajpet

MADIKERI: Two people were shot and injured by an inebriated man when they raised objection to him urinating in front of a temple at Balugodu Junction in Virajpet on Saturday. The accused, Vinay Aiyappa (44) of Mayamudi, was allegedly urinating in front of the temple when a few passersby raised objection. When a fight broke out, Vinay allegedly pulled out a pistol and shot at Harish Kutti and Balakrishna of Perumbadi.

Minor ends life, kin blame depression

BENGALURU: A girl, aged 16, ended her life by suicide at her home in K P Agrahara. The victim is a Class 10 student. Police said the incident took place at 9.30 pm. She was watching TV when her parents left to visit a relative's house. Upon returning, they found that the door of her room was locked from inside. When there was no response, they broke down the door and found her body hanging. Police were informed and no suicide note was recovered. The victim's father is a security guard in a private firm. He said that their daughter was suffering from depression for the last few days.

(Helpline:If you are having suicidal thoughts, help is available. Contact SAHAI helpline 080-25497777, open from Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 10 pm and 104 Arogya Sahayavani, available 24/7)

PRAYERS IN THE AIR

Devotees watch the kumbhabhishekam of the famous Vadapalani Murugan Temple in Chennai on Sunday | ASHWIN PRASATH

RETIRED K'TAKA HIGH COURT JUDGE KL MANJUNATH NO MORE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

RETIRED Karnataka High Court judge **Justice K L Manjunath** passed away in the wee hours of Saturday due to a massive cardiac arrest at the age of 68, family sources said. Justice Manjunath, who was also the chairman of Karnataka River Water and Border Disputes Authority (KRWBDA), is survived by his wife and two children.

On Sunday morning, Justice Manjunath's mortal remains were brought to the city and kept at his residence in Kamakshipalya till afternoon.

Sitting judges of the high court, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, some of his cabinet colleagues, Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah, KPCC President DK Shivakumar and others paid their last respects to the retired judge. Condoling the demise of Justice Manjunath, Bommai said that he was a very good lawyer. His services as president of the Advocates' Association, High Court judge, chairman of KRWBDA and Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Commission is commendable, he said.

In separate tweets, former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda and his son, former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy, also condoled the death as a great loss to the State.

Kumaraswamy said that Justice Manjunath had great concern regarding the State and language, adding that he was appointed chairman of KRWBDA, when he was chief minister. He discharged his duty responsibly and effectively, he observed.

Sitting judges of the high court, Justices B Veerappa and H P Sandesh were among others who paid their last respects, said A P Ranganath, former president of Advocates' Association of Bengaluru, who took part in the funeral.

Born on April 21, 1953, Justice Manjunath enrolled as an advocate in 1974 and practised in the Karnataka HC. He was appointed as an additional judge of the Karnataka HC in December 2000 and a permanent judge in October 2001. After retiring in 2015, he was appointed chairman of KRWBDA. In the afternoon, the mortal remains were laid to rest at his farm near Nelamangala on the city's outskirts.

EXPRESS READ

24 monkeys found dead in Tiruchy; poisoning suspected

TIRUCHY (TN): At least 24 monkeys, including six female monkeys, were found dead under mysterious circumstances at Nedungur in Tiruchy district on Sunday. While the cause of death can be established only after autopsy, forest department officials said the monkeys could have been poisoned and dumped at the spot. Officials also pointed out that the dead simians did not bear any visible injuries on their bodies. ENS

RECOGNISING BRAVERY

12-year-old who fought terrorists to get Bal Puraskar award today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Srikakulam (Andhra Pradesh)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will honour a Srikakulam girl, who stood her ground during a terror attack and saved her mother and two younger sisters in 2018.

The Prime Minister will confer the Rashtriya Bal Puraskar - 2022 on **Himapriya**, now aged 12, through virtual mode. She will receive the certificate of appreciation and cash reward at the district collector's office on Monday.

Himapriya was residing in an Army residential quarters at Sunjuwan in Jammu and Kashmir along with her father Havaldar Gurugu Satyanarayana, mother Padmavathi and sisters Rishitha and Avantika, then aged 7 and 5, respectively, when Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists attacked the camp early on February 10, 2018.

Satyanarayana was away on duty at Udampur when the camp was attacked. Seeing a terrorist entering their quarters, Padmavathi locked herself and her three daughters up in the bedroom, and placed whatever she could get against the door. Padmavathi and Himapriya, then 8, threw themselves against the door and prevented the terrorist from entering the room for more than three hours. The separatist tried to enter by lobbing a hand grenade which badly injured Padmavathi.

Braving a shoulder injury, Himapriya continued her struggle to keep her mother and sisters safe. She opened the door and engaged in a conversation with the terrorist for about an hour. The resolute girl eventually made the terrorist agree to let her take her injured and unconscious mother to a hospital.

After reaching a safe distance, she alerted the Army, which swung into action and sanitised the area. The Army later said Himapriya's intervention not only helped in limiting the casualty, but also in capturing the terrorists.

"The attack was a five-hour long nightmare. I have been listening to tales of patriotism at Kendriya Vidyalaya, where I was studying. I have learnt self-defence techniques from my father. These two helped me. I feel privileged to receive the Bal Puraskar-2022 from our PM," Himapriya told TNIE.

EDITORIAL

Since the development of inner calm happens within and isn't dependent on another person or a particular situation, we begin to feel a resourcefulness and independence that is beautiful—and a huge relief

Sharon Salzberg

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— Ramnath Goenka

EX-GRATIA CLAIMS COULD UNRAVEL THE ACTUAL COVID TOLL

The Supreme Court's hearing last week on the disbursal of ₹50,000 as ex-gratia compensation to the next of kin of Covid victims was loaded with judicial empathy. Since it was the court that had coaxed the Centre into offering compensation, the threat of contempt hung on the heads of sloppy babus. Data emerging from the hearing told an interesting story. Kerala increased its toll by and by to over 49,000 but curiously received claims from only 27,000 families. In most other states, the claims were way above the official casualty count. For example, the applications Gujarat received for ex-gratia were nine times the recorded death of about 10,000. Maharashtra's claims totalled 2,13,000 as against its official toll of 1,47,887. In states like Bihar with 11,000 claims as against 13,000 registered deaths, the Bench suspected the skew was due to the government's poor communication of the compensation scheme to the people. The SC was also caustic about babudom mechanically rejecting claims on technicalities and directed the induction of the State Legal Services Authority for last-mile connectivity to the claimant families.

At present, the recorded deaths in India since the outbreak of Covid is nearing 5 lakh. But mass cremations and burials during the height of Covid's second wave suggest a much higher toll. A multitude of domain experts have since called out the under-counting, with *The Economist* claiming India's actual toll could be closer to 50 lakh. Compare that with the 56 lakh total registered Covid deaths in the world now and the global under-reporting is stark.

When the entire process of disbursal of ex gratia is over, the final figure would decidedly be much more than the officially acknowledged Covid toll. It may not include, say, a small number in the upper crust who waive their right to compensation. Also, others like destitute victims may not be accounted for. Yet, the paid claims would bring us closer to purifying the datasets for a better epidemiological understanding of the situation. By design or otherwise, the ex gratia is an innovative tangential approach at collating the body count when states choose to live in denial, though those due to oxygen deprivation may never be fully tabulated.

NO STOPPING THE GROWTH OF CRYPTOS

They have been writing obituaries for cryptocurrencies for almost a decade now. But they refuse to die so easily. On the contrary, the whole crypto ecosystem is growing bigger by the day. During the last nine years or so, the total market cap of cryptocurrencies has gone up from $1.5 billion (in May 2013) to $1,668 billion (on 22 January 2022). Bitcoin prices during that period have risen from less than $200 a piece to over $35,000 as of 22 January 2022, reaching the peak levels of $68,000 in between.

Cryptos have acquired all the paraphernalia of a legitimate financial asset with dedicated exchanges, hedge funds and asset management companies. The US even has Bitcoin futures ETF trading on exchanges. In what many are calling financialisation of cryptos, some 'banks' in the US are even giving interest as high as 9% on Bitcoin deposits—all these amidst fear of an imminent government crackdown on the whole crypto ecosystem, globally. So far, we have seen stray action taken by some countries against activities related to cryptos. But barring a few like China—which banned mining and trading cryptos, and conversion of legal tender into them—not many have taken a very clear stance against these private digital currencies. Regulators in different countries have been making discordant noises against these currencies, but none of them have been able to say with conviction how they are going to deal with the Frankenstein monster. In fact, they are not even sure if they should call it a monster at all.

So we are in a situation where the interest in them continues to grow despite the heart-stopping volatility in that market, and the ecosystem around them is getting more sophisticated. We have now reached a stage where large institutional money is being funnelled into the digital currency market through hedge funds and asset management companies, making it all the more difficult for governments to act in a decisive manner against them. The obituaries might still be written till some country comes up with a set of regulations, finally legitimising them. Who knows, with the Budget around, India could take the lead in legitimising cryptos by announcing tax rules for gains made on them.

Targeting NGOs that are providing humanitarian service to the most needy sections has more than financial implications and can have grievous consequences

AN ATTEMPT TO CRIMINALISE COMPASSION

K JAYAKUMAR

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SOUMYADIP SINHA

A few weeks ago, the Union government cancelled the licences of nearly 6,000 NGOs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). Non-renewal of licence essentially prohibits them from accepting any contribution from foreign donors. Several prominent and credible organisations were hit, including Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. The FCRA was amended in 2020, making the renewal process far more stringent, and other cumbersome banking stipulations were imposed. While there is a need to be diligent about foreign funding of NGOs, the manifestation of that caution need not be vexatious, suspicious, targeted and unfair. That impression can create collateral damage to the hard-earned reputation, respectability and acceptance of several well-meaning voluntary organisations. Whether or not such collateral damage was intended, in effect the damage is done. That the case of Missionaries of Charity was reconsidered favourably does not ameliorate the fallout.

Foreign funding of NGOs has always been regarded as suspicious by successive governments. Indira Gandhi had a well-known penchant for seeing a 'foreign hand' in every major national crisis, though they often turned out to be imaginary hands. However, the threat of funding anti-national and socially disruptive activities in the garb of social service cannot be smugly ruled out. But two questions merit attention. Terrorism and such anti-national activities do not take cover under a front NGO to get money. They have access to other blatantly illegal but proven means. Secondly, existing laws have sufficient agility to watch the source of foreign funds and to check for what purpose they are being utilised. No right-thinking citizen could argue that flow of foreign money into the coffers of NGOs should be unregulated. Nor can any government be credulous about it. The manner in which thousands of organisations are now denied the licence under FCRA (arguably on technical grounds and complaints) however defies this logic of reasonable precaution. Though the official arguments are factually correct, the government's actions lack moral conviction and grace. In its eagerness to send certain pre-formulated messages, the government has overlooked the long-term damage that is being done to the secular and moral fabric of our multi-religious complex society. It has also underestimated the emotional quotient of several NGOs and the non-quantifiable value of the humanitarian services they selflessly render.

An unofficial justification for this 'stringent and long-overdue' action is that foreign money is used to lure people into conversion, particularly from among Hindus. Organisations working in the areas of human rights and environment are major suspects. Foreign contributions to such NGOs are seen as attempts to foment agitations against governments and create dissension in society. State power always loves to believe that popular resistance movements in the name of environment protection, human rights or social justice are manipulated by foreign agents and that people are being misguided. It is argued that 'such subversions' cannot go unchecked. Is it not the right of the affected people to react and resist when environmental vandalism parades as development and social deprivation masquerades as economic growth? By suggestively linking acceptance of foreign money to agitations that seek to protect human rights and environment, a shadow of suspicion is sought to be cast on the credibility and moral stature of all such genuine movements and organisations. The FCRA has thus been used as a tool not only to arrest the flow of funds from abroad but to stifle and eventually discredit the organisations. However, history reminds us that successful protests and dissents do not grow with the help of any external stimuli but by the emotional responses of the affected people. At a deeper level, such action takes away the fire from democracy and glorifies the silence of the meek.

> Though the official arguments are factually correct, the government's actions lack moral conviction and grace. In its eagerness to send certain pre-formulated messages, the Centre has overlooked the long-term damage that is being done to the secular and moral fabric of our multi-religious society. It has also underestimated the non-quantifiable value of the humanitarian services that the NGOs selflessly render.

Targeting NGOs that are providing humanitarian service to the most needy sections has much more grievous consequences. Governments may be the provider of several services. But delivery of services in government is often impersonal and treated as patronage rather than the right of citizens. Besides, privatisation of health, education and several services have already exiled millions of ordinary citizens lacking in income and livelihood from them. Confronted with expensive medical treatment and rendered vulnerable by spiralling living costs, and with social cohesion already strained, they turn to NGOs for support that the straight-jacketed government schemes cannot provide. Even when the money (often suboptimum) is provided by the government, official machinery, by definition, is incapable of emotions and compassion. It lacks the flexibility required to act in varied situations. It is this compassion gap that NGOs effectively address. What money cannot provide, emotional support can. And without that emotional bedrock, money has little value. There are countless activities these NGOs undertake, inspired by real concern and commitment. Thousands of NRIs who are eager to support these humanitarian services by NGOs in their hometowns are always sympathetic to their cause and are willing to financially support them. Yet, the organisations have no recourse to this support. When NGOs run short of money, the victims are evidently not the rich but the poor and the vulnerable.

Thus, not allowing an NGO to accept foreign donations has greater non-financial implications. The loss of credibility and the oblique shadow of suspicion can be devastating. It is deeply hurtful, if not exasperating, for impeccable organisations that have stayed afloat by sheer determination and commitment. Making them feel that their compassion is almost a crime strikes at the very core of voluntarism. The message that feeling for others and unselfish service and succour provided to thousands of needy people across the country is not appreciated by the state can be quite ominous. Penalising and discouraging citizens from offering solace, confidence and material help to the needy are indeed a bad omen.

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ADDRESSING DEPENDENCE ON CHINA AS TRADE RISES

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If the recent data are any indication, India-China trade relations are at a historical high, completely reversing the frigidity that had set in following Beijing's incursions into Ladakh during May 2020 and the sacrifices of the soldiers to maintain our country's territorial integrity. Consequently, economic relations between the two neighbours reached the lowest point since the 1962 war. The Government of India strongly responded to these developments by taking firm steps to downsize the country's economic relationship with its largest trade partner. Investments from China and Hong Kong were subjected to enhanced scrutiny and a sizeable number of Chinese apps were banned. Citizens' groups complemented the government's efforts by calling for a boycott of Chinese products. All these developments seemed to resonate well with Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and the call "vocal for local". The government initiated several measures aimed at decoupling from China and reducing the high level of dependence of several key sectors like pharmaceuticals and electronics on the "factory of the world".

However, less than a year and a half following the announcements and the initiatives of the government to decouple from China, India's trade links with its northern neighbour have increased like never before. Data released by the Department of Commerce show that two-way trade between China and India during calendar year 2021 was over $114 billion. What is more significant is that India-China trade has crossed the three-figure mark for the first time, aided by a 47% jump in trade values from a year earlier. Yet another feature of bilateral trade in 2021 was that India's imports from China were close to $88 billion, and this was higher than the annual value of trade between the two countries in the past years. India's exports, too, were buoyant, increasing by more than 21% over the 2020 numbers, well above the levels at which they had stagnated in the previous decade. Importantly, India's trade deficit expanded by nearly 63% to reach $65 billion.

Chinese official sources show that bilateral trade was considerably higher than that reported by the Department of Commerce. According to the General Administration of Customs (GAC) of the People's Republic of China, total trade between the two countries was $127 billion in 2021, higher by 45% over 2020. The GAC reports that China's imports from India had increased by nearly 35% to reach $28 billion in 2021, while its exports were close to $100 billion. These differences in figures notwithstanding, the level of bilateral trade in 2021 highlights the point that India now has a two-way dependence on its neighbour; China is the largest source of India's imports and the third largest destination of its exports, only a notch below the UAE.

INDIA-CHINA TRADE (in US $ billion)

Years	Exports	Imports	Total Trade
2018	16.5	73.9	87.6
2019	17.1	68.4	84.3
2020	19.0	58.7	78.0
2021	23.0	87.5	114.3

Source: Department of Commerce, India

CHINA-INDIA TRADE (in US $ billion)

Years	Exports	Imports	Total Trade
2018	76.7	18.8	95.5
2019	74.8	18.0	92.8
2020	66.7	20.9	87.6
2021	97.5	28.1	126.6

Source: General Administration of Customs, China

The key issue is to make an initial assessment of the manner in which bilateral trade is benefiting the two nations, by analysing the commodity composition. Currently disaggregated data for India-China trade are available until November 2021 and using these figures, a fair assessment can be made of the relative benefits to the two partner countries.

The drivers of India's exports to China since 2019, the immediate pre-pandemic year that can also be considered as "normal", were iron ores and concentrates, iron and steel products, unwrought aluminium as well as non-basmati rice. Besides these primary products and intermediates, India was able to increase its exports of organic chemicals and telecommunication products; the latter product group registered an increase in exports of over 300% between 2020 and 2021. Thus, despite the long shadow of the pandemic on India's manufacturing industries, one of the technology-intensive sectors was able to expand its market in China, which is known for imposing artificial barriers on imports.

Boosting India's imports from China were two major product groups, namely electronic goods, including consumer electronics and telecommunication products, and active pharmaceutical ingredients. Most of India's imports, which were valued at a billion dollars or more in 2021, were from these two groups. This implies that India's dependence on China in two strategic areas has continued unabated.

Over the past two years, the Government of India has initiated significant measures to shore up the country's manufacturing sector through the Production Linked Incentive scheme. With imports from China increasing to record levels, the government and industry would have to carefully consider next steps that they must take in unison to address India's China-dependence syndrome.

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Curbs on rallies and edu

The decision of the Election Commission to extend the ban on road shows till January 31 in the five poll-bound states is undoubtedly wise. These rallies can do nothing to help the lives of common people and can only add to the tensions. At the same time, the decision of the EC to allow political parties to hold indoor meetings up to 300 people or 50% of the venue's capacity and even outdoor meetings of up to 500 folks is condemnable. Such easing of curbs is happening when education is being restricted to online modes in many states in view of Covid. It seems political activities are given more significance.

Prabhakaran Vallath, Vatakara

Remembering Netaji

It is a matter of pride that the nation has commemorated the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. One of the most iconic and influential leaders of India, he played a crucial role in our independence. But despite 75 years having passed since he died, the mystery surrounding his passing away is sadly still unresolved.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Lockdown paralysis

One is at a loss to understand the rationale behind imposing a lockdown-like situation in the state on consecutive Sundays. Paralysing normal activities on weekends would only do more harm than good as seen from past experience. It is as though the viruses may not venture out on other days.

DrM Haneef, Kottayam

Ill-conceived amendments

The amendments proposed in the IAS cadre rules appear to be an ill-conceived reaction by the BJP to the drubbing it received recently in Bengal and have a far-reaching impact on Centre-state ties. The Centre's explanation does not cut ice.

S V Venkatakrishnan, Bengaluru

Rising fanaticism

While we find the present-day youth intelligent and judicious, it is regrettable that they easily allow themselves to be brainwashed by politicians in the name of caste, creed and particularly religious supremacy (*Prevent youths' exposure to religious hatred that's worse than narcotic*, Jan 16). As a sexagenarian, I have witnessed excellent relationships between people with different ideologies. But we find that waning fast among youth, particularly in the last decade.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

Fire safety measures

The fire tragedy at a high-rise in Mumbai that killed six people is a clear indication that safety measures have been neglected. In the urban areas, licences for high-rises should be reconsidered. As for safety measures, facilities like fire-resistant doors should be installed apart from wide exit points in buildings.

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
Again BJP govt is very important for UP, so that farmers should get full price for their produce. Poor should not spread their hands in front of anyone.

Mayawati @Mayawati
In UP, parties like Congress are vote-cutting parties in the eyes of the people. BJP needs to be taken out of the power in the interest of the society.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
SP stands with the injustice done to the candidates in UP TET exam. These same candidates will crave votes at every booth for the insensitive BJP.

Congrats Mr Tirumurti for defending an orphaned civilisation

S GURUMURTHY
Editor, Thuglak, and commentator on economic and political affairs

YOU, the United Nations, cry about Islamophobia, Christianophobia, anti-Semiticism – all three Abrahamic religions. But what about non-Abrahamic religious phobias – the anti-Hindu, anti-Sikh and anti-Buddhist? You should see that also." Approximately the words in which T S Tirumurti, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, shamed the 76-year-old organisation for its bias – sorry, its sole concern – for Abrahamic religions. In an outstanding address at the International Counter Terrorism Conference (Jan 18, 2022) organised by the Global Counter Terrorism Council (GCTC), he also exposed the motivated efforts to dilute the narrative of the battle against global terror, which kills some 25,000 people every year, by equating it with local brawls and riots in individual countries and regions.

Diluting the narrative of terrorism

Tirumurti first focused on the dilution of the concept of terror "by interested member states driven by political, religious and other motivations". Referring to 'emerging threats', he pointed out that they began changing the narrative of terror by categorising it as good and bad, including in it domestic political issues of individual nations like violent nationalism and right-wing nationalism. He exposed them with four bullet points, saying:

- It is against UN members' accepted principles on Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy itself.
- It revives the pre-9/11 era labels of "your terrorists" and "my terrorists".
- It brings into the categorisation of terror even the broad spectrum of ideological right wing-left wing issues, which are part of democratic polity subject to electoral mandate.
- Terror labels are given even to so-called threats of violence limited to national or regional contexts.

Recalling Indian foreign minister S Jaishankar's statement that terrorists are terrorists and there is no good or bad terror, Tirumurti stated that diluting the narrative of terror is the best way to undo the battle against terror.

Ignoring phobias against non-Abrahamics

Next, pointing out that the UN has often "highlighted" the phobias against the Abrahamic religions but never ever recognised phobias against non-Abrahamic faiths, Tirumurti drew the world's attention to the obvious but unarticulated concern of Indic faiths. The distinction between religions — as Abrahamic and non-Abrahamic — drawn by Tirumurti from Western scholarship to show the UN bias against the latter is a turning point in the geopolitical discourse. The distinction between the two schools is common in the Western academic discourse but new to the politically correct geopolitics. Tirumurti has now made it part of the geopolitical debate. Abrahamic and non-Abrahamic schools operate on two different paradigms but are clubbed together by the common label, religion. Truthfully speaking, except for the religion label there is not much in common between them. The treatment of Abrahamic religions on par with Indic religions resonated in India because of the ancient Vedic saying, *Ekam Sat Vipra Bahudha Vadanti*, (Truth is one, sages see it differently) quoted by Swami Vivekananda in his famous address at the World Parliament of Religions in 1893. But, the assumption that the two schools are identical is unreal. It ended up confusing the Indian mind and the global discourse about Indic faiths.

Abrahamic and non-Abrahamic schools operating on two different paradigms come under the common label of religion. But there isn't much in common

Doctrinally tolerant, doctrinally intolerant

One hears even our seculars and liberals often saluting Hinduism as a tolerant faith. Ask them if Hinduism is tolerant, what about the others, they will go silent. Tolerance is not nature's gift. It is a virtue that needs nurturing. While a doctrinally tolerant faith nurtures tolerance, a doctrinally intolerant one multiplies intolerance. Decades back, in 1976, a Constitution bench of the Supreme Court approvingly quoted *Encyclopaedia Britannica* as saying that Hinduism, which accepts all religions, "is doctrinally tolerant", to rule that a Hindu family with Christian members was a Hindu undivided family. Citing it as one of the precedents, the court ruled in 1995 that Hinduism constitutes the national ethos, the way of life and culture of India, not just a religion. A year earlier in the Ayodhya judgment, justices S P Bharucha and A M Ahmedi said "tolerant Hinduism" helped other religions grow in India. But it was not mere tolerance. They grew because Hinduism accepts all religions as true, as Vivekananda proclaimed at Chicago.

But, far from accepting it, the three Abrahamic religions brand other faiths as fake. The *Encyclopaedia*, which said Hinduism is doctrinally tolerant, also said that the monotheistic conviction of Abrahamic faiths "results in the rejection of all other belief systems as false religions", which "partly explains the exceptionally aggressive or intolerant stance of the monotheistic religions in the history of the world".

By introducing the differential of Abrahamic and non-Abrahamic schools into geopolitics, Tirumurti has laid the foundation for a geopolitical debate on doctrinal tolerance of the Indic school and the doctrinal intolerance of the Abrahamic one.

Fundamentalist, non-fundamentalist

The Abrahamic, non-Abrahamic differential also throws up for debate another critical concept — religious fundamentalism, a most misused term in national and geopolitics. A global authority on religious fundamentalism is the Fundamentalism Project of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Co-founder Martin E Marty, an Ordained Lutheran Pastor and well-known Christian theologian, and R Scott Appleby, an acknowledged Christian scholar who had also worked in India for long, were Editors of the Project that involved scholars worldwide from diverse faiths. The Project went on for eight long years (1987-94). It resulted in a seminal literature of 3,500 pages in five mammoth volumes. The editors concluded in the first volume, titled *Fundamentalism Observed*, that "fundamentalism is more accurately attributable only to the people of the book, Jews, Christians and Muslims than to their first or distant cousins in the fundamentalist family: Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Confucians." They added, "Sacred texts do not play the same constitutive role in South Asian and Far Eastern traditions as they do in Abrahamic faiths.... both to intensify missionary efforts and to justify extremism." Mark the words "intensify missionary efforts" "to justify extremism" — which seed, and are seeded by, doctrinal intolerance. The project also found that "textual inerrancy" — the belief that the holy text cannot err — is unique to Abrahamic traditions and that results in fundamentalism. Yet the Indian seculars, ignoring, or unaware of the Fundamentalism Project, charge the Hindus, day in and day out, with fundamentalism. But they remain deafeningly silent about Abrahamic faiths, which the Fundamentalism Project declares as prone to fundamentalism.

Tolerant vs intolerant = Paradox of tolerance

What happens when the intolerant and the tolerant, the fundamentalist and non-fundamentalist doctrines, interface? Karl Popper, one of the most influential philosophers of science, wrote (*Open Society and Its Enemies*, 1945): "Less well-known (than other paradoxes) is the paradox of tolerance: Unlimited tolerance must lead to the disappearance of tolerance. If we extend unlimited tolerance even to those who are intolerant, if we are not prepared to defend a tolerant society against the onslaught of the intolerant, then the tolerant will be destroyed, and tolerance with them." Popper almost predicted what is happening now. He said "the intolerant may forbid their followers from listening to rational argument, and teach them to answer arguments by fists and pistols." Isn't that global terror today? Popper concludes that "we should therefore claim, in the name of tolerance, the right not to tolerate the intolerant." When the intolerant tests the tolerance limits of the tolerant, the result is that the tolerant turns intolerant. Some liberals who cry over what they regard as the semitisation — that is Abrahamisation — of Hinduism, implicitly acknowledge Popper's paradox of tolerance. Yet, not very honestly, they turn and charge the tolerant Hindus as intolerant. Result, Indic religions suffer from a triple whammy – they suffer against the intolerant; liberals charge them as intolerant; and liberals certify the intolerant as tolerant. Perverse indeed!

India's image and Hinduism's image are inseparable. The Left, liberal and political leadership have over the years damaged the image of Hinduism

Abusing Indic religions affects India's brand

If an Abrahamic religion — Islam or Christianity — is branded as intolerant, that will do little damage to India's image. But if Hinduism or any Indic religion is imaged as intolerant, it will directly hit India's brand. It doesn't need a seer to say why.

In his *Glimpses of World History*, while accepting that Swami Vivekananda's Hindu nationalism is not against anyone, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru went on to say that it is difficult to draw a line even between Hindu nationalism and Indian nationalism. In his seminal text *Hind Swaraj*, Mahatma Gandhi said Hinduism unifies India. Maharishi Aurobindo and Dr Annie Besant said India will live as long as Hinduism lives. The Supreme Court ruled that Hinduism is the ethos, culture and way of life of India and refused to review it.

What is the message? India's image and Hinduism's image are inseparable. India cannot have an acceptable brand if Hinduism has a disreputable image. The Indian Left, liberal, ultra secular scholarship and political leadership have over centuries and decades damaged the image of Hinduism. The globally popular Pandit Nehru even said that Muslim communalism is more aggressive, but Hindu communalism is more dangerous.

In retrospect today, it is a senseless statement. But such past secular and liberal narratives have been rendered outdated, even otiose, by the new scholarly understanding that Hinduism is doctrinally tolerant while Abrahamism is not; and Abrahamism is fundamentalist, while Hinduism is not. Indian intellectuals who want to build a respectable brand for India have to work to ring out the outdated narratives about Hinduism and to ring in the new narrative that Hinduism, not just doctrinally tolerant, accepts other religions; there is no fundamentalism in it; it a victim of the paradox of tolerance; and yet it is reverse-abused as intolerant.

QED: Tirumurti deserves to be congratulated for his geopolitical defence of Indian civilisation orphaned in the global arena by Indian scholars, state, media and intellectuals for seven decades. Also for opening the scope for a new narrative for Indic religions based on contemporary scholarship, scoring out the outdated narratives.

Mistakes after Independence being corrected: PM

Says previous dispensations sought to sideline contributions of national icons, asserts forgotten heroes are finally getting their historic due

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

TAKING a swipe at the previous governments, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that attempts were made after Independence to erase contributions of many personalities as well as India's culture and values.

"India's freedom struggle involved the sacrifices of lakhs of people, but attempts were made to limit their history. But today, decades after Independence, the country is correcting those mistakes," he said while unveiling a hologram statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on the 125th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter.

"The grand statue of Netaji, who had established the first independent government on India's soil, is being installed in digital form near India Gate. Very soon this hologram statue will be replaced by a big granite statue," he asserted.

Powered by a 30,000 lumens 4K projector, the 3D image of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is projected on an invisible holographic screen to create the effect of a hologram. The 28 ft long and 6 ft wide hologram statue is installed under a canopy which used to house the statue of King George V till it was removed in 1968.

PM Narendra Modi unveils the hologram stature of Netaji on Sunday | PTI

The freedom struggle involved the sacrifices of lakhs of people, but attempts were made to limit their history. But today, the country is correcting those mistakes — Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

No power in the world can prevent the country from achieving its goal of building a 'new India' before the hundredth year of Independence in 2047, he said while exhorting the countrymen to take inspiration from Netaji's "can do" and "will do" spirit.

The Prime Minister also conferred the 'Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar' for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 in the investiture ceremony. A total of seven awards were presented on the occasion. For the year 2022, Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management and Professor Vinod Sharma were bestowed with the award in the institutional and individual category for their work in disaster management.

'Statue installed after our pressure'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

WEST Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Sunday launched a broadside against the Centre over issues ranging from the rejection of Bengal's Republic Day tableau to the proposed amendment of the IAS rules.

Taking a jibe at the Modi government, Mamata said the statue of Netaji was being erected at India Gate after facing pressure from her party. "They (BJP and the Centre) realised rejecting Bengal tableau was a mistake and erected the statue facing pressure from us," she said.

The TMC supremo announced that the Bengal government would roll out the same tableau during the Republic Day parade in Kolkata. "No reason was cited for rejecting the tableau. We will display it in Kolkata on the Republic Day. People will see how vibrant and creative it is summing up the spirit of Netaji's valour and our 75th Independence," she said.

Mamata also took on the Centre over the merger of the Amar Jawan Jyoti with the Eternal Flame at National War Memorial. "It cannot be atoned by installing a statue of Netaji. Please stop politicising war memorials and statues."

The dismantling of the Planning Commission in 2014 was also raked up by the Bengal chief minister. "It was the Centre that abolished the Planning Commission, which was Netaji's brainchild. We will set up a commission upholding Netaji's objectives."

Later, she suggested that Netaji's birthday be declared as a national holiday.

BARRACKPORE MP CAUGHT IN CLASH

A clash broke out between TMC and BJP workers in Barrackpore. Central forces guarding local MP Arjun Singh opened fire in the air, police said. Two cars were vandalised. Police escorted the BJP MP to his residence. Police said the clash broke out when TMC supporters and Singh along with his followers met near a Netaji statue. The fight started with fisticuffs and ended with stone pelting. Singh claimed he and his security men were attacked from TMC men. On its part, the TMC alleged the BJP supporters attacked them with sticks and bricks.

Mamata speaks after paying tribute to Netaji at Red Road on Sunday | PTI

TRAINING

Jharkhand to set up 100 farm schools

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

JHARKHAND is all set to develop 100 '*Krishak Pathshala*' (farm schools) within the next three years to train farmers in scientific methods on capacity development.

The plan is to empower farmers with modern techniques to increase agricultural production, besides giving boost to their income. Moreover, the *pathshalas* will generate awareness about the schemes related to the agriculture, animal husbandry and cooperation department among others.

Initially, the plan is to develop 17 *Krishak Pathshalas* in the first phase of the Integrated Birsa Vikas Yojana. Another 100 such facilities will come up in the next three years.

"All activities related to agriculture will be put together for demonstrative purposes, where the farmers will be coming to learn scientific methods of learning. Each *pathshala* will be connected with 3-5 Birsa villages under cluster approach," said Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative secretary Abu Bakr Siddiqui.

Bengal scholarship gets 3-fold fund

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE Bengal government has made a three-fold rise in fund allotment to a scholarship scheme for helping meritorious students from economically backward families after it received a record six lakh applications.

Revamped in 2016, the Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means Scholarship saw it fund allocation increase from ₹395 crore to ₹1,200 crore this year.

Meritorious students pursuing higher studies get a monthly stipend between ₹1,000 and ₹8,000 depending on the course they are applying for. The assistance is meant for the students pursuing higher secondary, UG and PG courses.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA SCHOLARSHIP

Districts	Total applicants	Already receiving stipend
East Midnapore	51,000+	11,000+
West Midnapore	47,000+	20,000+
Hooghly	39,000+	16,000+
Bankura	38,000+	6,000+
Nadia	38,000-+	6, 000+
South 24 Parganas	44,000+	22,000+
North 24 Parganas	43,000+	14,000+

"Last year, ₹395 crore was allocated for 3 lakh applicants. This time, the sum was increased for 6 lakh students. We are already disbursing the monthly stipend to the accounts of more than 1.8 lakh students while the remaining applications are awaiting clearance from educational institutions," said an official.

Sources in the education department said most of the applications were received from East Midnapore, West Midnapore, Hooghly, Bankura, Nadia, North 24 and South 24 Parganas. "The deadline for submitting application is not yet over. We are expecting more applications."

Nirmal Biswas, son of a daily wage earner in Bankura, has applied for the financial assistance after he cleared the Class X exam. "The stipend will help in buying books and bearing tuition fees," said the teenager who aspires to become an engineer.

EXPRESS READ

R-Day to have fewer marching contingents

New Delhi: In view of the surge in Omicron cases, the strength of the marching contingents on the Republic Day has been reduced this year. "The troops will be marching in 12 rows and 8 columns," said Chief of Staff of the Delhi Area and deputy parade commander Lt Gen Alok Kakkar. Earlier the contingents used to have a strength of 144 personnel. Six marching contingents from the Army will be participating on the 73rd Republic Day parade. The contingents will wear uniforms depicting the changes since Independence and also will carry the weapons of those times. The first contingent to march will be of Rajput Regiment, followed by Assam Regiment and Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry.

Death in Canada: Deceased Indian's parents had no info on US move

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Kalol, Gujarat

THE family of four that froze to death in Canada on Friday while trying to cross over to the US illegally belonged to north Gujarat's Kalol Taluka of Gandhinagar district.

While the MEA or the local authorities are yet to confirm the identity of the victims, sources said the four deceased are Jagdish Patel (35), a native of Dingucha village in Kalol, his wife Vaishali (33), daughter Vihanga (12) and son Dharmik (3).

Jagdish's father Baldev Patel, who lives in Dingucha, said his son had left for Canada with his family 10 days ago. In shock and disbelief, he was barely able to confirm that he had not talked with his son for last two-three days. He had no clue that his son had any plan of moving to the US.

"Jagdish had left for Canada on a visitor visa. He has not been in contact for the last four days. We are contacting the embassy. Hope things will be clear by Monday," said one of his relatives, Suresh.

Another family member said they were informed by a relative in Canada that the description of the deceased given by the authorities matched that of "our family members, but we still hope for good".

In Kalol, the family's neighbour Sumitra Patel said Jagdish worked as a teacher in Gandhinagar. "He later joined his brother's factory in Ahmedabad. His family is financially well-off. We had no idea they were going to Canada."

Officially, however, there is no confirmation yet that the four deceased were Jagdish and his family. Gandhinagar District Collector Kuldeep Arya said: "There is no official communication yet. We cannot say this is the same family."

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	18	07	Mumbai	25	19
Bhopal	22	06	Panaji	26	18
Jaipur	18	05	Patna	22	14
Amritsar	14	08	Lucknow	18	07
Chennai	32	25	Port Blair	29	22
Kolkata	23	16	Imphal	16	09
Srinagar	06	-01	Chandigarh	18	05

IT'S A 'HEAD-ON' FIGHT WITH BJP, SAYS AAP'S GOA CM FACE

TERMING the Goa Assembly election as a "head-on" fight with the ruling BJP, Aam Aadmi Party's chief minister face in the coastal state, **Amit Palekar**, sounded confident of winning more than 23 seats for comfortably forming the next government. Speaking to **Rajesh Kumar Thakur**, Palekar claimed they are on the right track to bring the 'Delhi model of governance' in Goa. Excerpts:

How is the josh of AAP in the Goa campaign?
We are getting spontaneous blessings from the people, who are clamouring for change in Goa after 42 years of loot by Congress and BJP governments. Since our party has an ideology of doing politics not for the sake of politics but for peace and prosperity, we are confident of winning the people's mandate.

How does the AAP see the entry of TMC?
The Trinamool Congress and the Congress might be making tall claims and promises here but the reality is that both have no takers on the ground. The TMC leaders are doing elite-cum-digital politics mostly on Twitter but the AAP has earned the trust of Goans through its people-oriented politics and promises, which are practical. All aam aadmi (common people) here have made up their minds to choose wisely and elect the AAP. The TMC and Congress are two sides of the same coin.

What will be the model of governance if your party is voted to power?
The entire world knows how Delhi has changed under the AAP government. Now, it is the turn of Goa under the same excellent Delhi model of governance. The people here want similar facilities. Our party has promised from the core of its heart to end corruption, which the BJP government has nurtured. The AAP has promised to give free electricity, financial support of ₹1,000 to every woman, world-class healthcare and high-class education besides, heart-soothing tourism opportunities and proper mining.

Which party is your main rival this time?
Obviously, there is a direct head-on fight between the AAP and the ruling BJP. Other parties like the Congress and TMC have no role to play except trying to divide anti-BJP votes. In Goa, the BJP has become an encyclopedia of corruption. Unemployment is all-pervasive. The mining sector has collapsed and tourism, has been badly hit. If we are voted to power, top priority would be to end corruption and to generate employment by re-organising and promoting tourism.

It is said that the Goa is set to witness a triangular contest on most of the seats. How far do you agree with this?
It is far from the truth. The ground assessment is that the AAP and the BJP are taking on each other in which the AAP will be the ultimate winner.

Congress accuses the AAP of dividing anti-BJP votes to help the ruling party?
Congress leaders are in an illusion after failing to assess the AAP's political acceptance. The Congress itself is dividing the anti-BJP votes and the same is being done by the TMC, which has come here on political-tourism.

What's your winning estimate?
We will win on more than 23 seats to provide a government of the people, for the people.

SP seeks ban on opinion polls

LUCKNOW: The opinion polls being aired by various news channels seem to have unnerved the Samajwadi Party (SP), which on Sunday, shot off a letter to the Election Commission (ECI) seeking an immediate ban on opinion polls.

SP state chief Naresh Uttam Patel has addressed the letter to the ECI and marked it to the UP Chief Electoral Officer (CEO).

Patel wrote that the notification of poll dates on January 8 and the nomination for Phase I poll is already completed.

According to SP spokesperson Abdul Hafiq Gandhi, there is no point in having an election, if TV channels issue verdicts that might affect voter mindset. "The opinion polls must be banned so as to make it a level playing field for all political parties and candidates," the spokesperson said. *ENS*

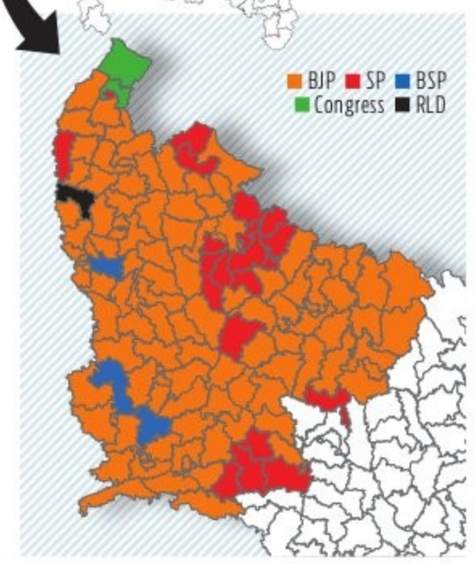
TALLEST LEADER

Dharmendra Pratap Singh from UP's Pratapgarh, a former event manager who claims to be India's tallest man at 8 feet and 1 inch, poses with Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and other leaders after joining the party | PTI

VIRUS METER JAN 22 JAN 23

	UTTAR PRADESH		MANIPUR		GOA		PUNJAB		UTTARAKHAND	
Fresh cases	16,740	13,830	404	411	2,691	1,582	7,699	5,664	4,759	3,727
Deaths	16	19	3	3	8	8	33	30	7	5
Positivity rate (%)	7.06	5.96	18.1	16.4	37.22	40	16.65	13.28	12.48	15.5

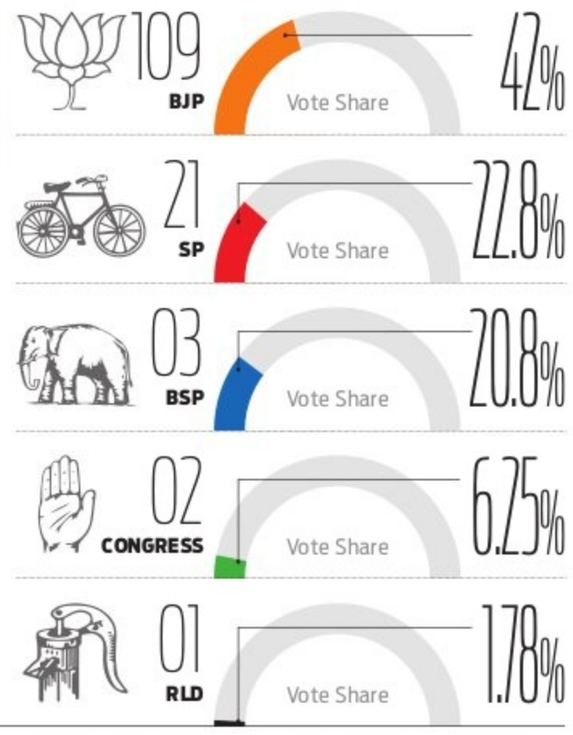
In 2017, the Hindu exodus from Kairana and Kandhla found a mention in the BJP manifesto. The party used it as a poll plank to damage the Samajwadi Party govt. As a result, the SP changed its candidate Nahid Hassan, who is accused of warning Muslims against buying goods from Hindu traders



HOW WESTERN UP VOTED IN 2017

The 2013 Jats-Muslims riots had helped the BJP to register an impressive win in 2017. This time around, experts say that if 7-9% of Jat votes and 29% of Muslims come together in western Uttar Pradesh, the equations may change for the BJP

TOTAL SEATS: 136



BJP ON STICKY WICKET IN WESTERN UP

Farmers' anger combined with Jat-Muslim 'unity' could dent the party's chances in the region it had captured last time

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE plains of the Yamuna-Ganga in western Uttar Pradesh include 22 districts in six divisions: Saharanpur division: Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli districts. Moradabad division: Moradabad, Bijnor, Rampur, Amroha, Sambhal districts. Bareilly division: Bareilly, Badaun, Pilibhit districts. Together, they constitute around 136 seats of the total 403 Assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh.

Assembly elections in UP have been staggered into seven phases beginning on February 10 and ending on March 7.

In 2017 polls, the ruling BJP bagged 109 seats out of 136, the SP had to be content with 21, BSP 3, Congress 2 and RLD just one. Post farmers' stir that continued for over a year, the BJP does not seem to be an easy wicket this time.

Reports indicate the emergence of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) in the Jat belt as well as in other rural areas of the region, including Baghpat, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Meerut and other districts would have a substantial impact on many seats. What's causing worry for the BJP is that the BKU, though maintaining its declared neutrality, has kept up its demand for a law on the minimum support price, which is now a rallying point for non-BJP forces in the area.

That is despite the fact that the Centre has repealed the farm laws and has promised to examine the MSP issue.

A measure of the BKU impact, especially in the Jat belt, is visible from the throng of leaders visiting Rakesh Tikait's residence in Sisauli village in Muzaffarnagar almost daily. A senior BJP leader, who did not wish to be named, said, "We may get fewer seats than the previous elections, but we are coming back with certainty."

The Jat party — Jayant Chaudhary-led Rashtriya Lok Dal — has a 'revival formula' from the prolonged farmers' protests. Having a tie-up with Samajwadi Party, the SP-RLD alliance is heavily banking on the Jat-Muslim combination as both the communities are believed to have found some synergy on the ground owing to the farmers' protests.

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The Jats and Muslims had parted ways after the 2013 communal riots that had rocked Muzaffarnagar and Shamli. Those riots had not only helped the BJP to register an impressive win in 2017 but also had resonance at the national level and in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, as the saffron brigade won 71 of 80 parliamentary seats in UP.

The RLD won the solitary seat of Chhaprauli in 2017 state polls. Later, Chhaprauli MLA Sahendra Singh Ramala joined the BJP in 2018. He is now contesting as a BJP candidate from the same seat.

"Notwithstanding the withdrawal of farm laws, if 7-9% of Jats and 29% of Muslims come together in western UP, equations would change for the BJP," says Ashutosh Mishra, a political analyst.

In the 2017 assembly polls, the Hindu exodus from Kairana and Kandhla found a mention in the BJP manifesto. It used it as a poll plank to damage the Samajwadi Party government. The BJP has been raising the exodus issue again. As a result, the SP changed its candidate Nahid Hassan. Hassan is accused of warning Muslims against buying goods from Hindu traders.

This time, the ruling BJP is pinning hopes on various welfare schemes such as Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM Awas Yojna, loan waivers to small and marginal farmers and payment of cane dues. The state government on January 6 announced lowering the power charges of private tube-well owners.

However, the Lakhimpur Kheri violence is threatening to go against the ruling dispensation as the party has not taken any action against the junior Union minister so far though his son is facing murder charges and is in jail. Yet the overall law and order scenario is having some traction among voters of western UP.

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2022 DECIDE

'BSP is party number 1, Congress vote-cutter'

Lucknow: Calling Congress a 'vote katuwa' (vote cutter), BSP chief Mayawati on Sunday urged the people of UP not to waste their vote on the grand old party. In a dig at Priyanka Gandhi, Mayawati said the status of the Congress could be gauged from the fact that she changed her stance on she herself being the party's face in UP. "While Congress is mere vote-cutting organisation and BJP should be voted out in the interest of Sarva Samaj, BSP is the only tried and tested party number," she tweeted.

Amarinder among 22 names in Lok Cong list

Chandigarh: Former Punjab CM Amarinder Singh's Punjab Lok Congress (PLC) on Sunday announced candidates to 22 constituencies among the thirty seven seats allotted as part of its alliance with the BJP and SAD (Sanyukt). No 'big names' figured in the list other than Amarinder himself, who will fight from his present seat of Patiala (Urban) in the February 20 polls. The lone woman in the list, Farzana Alam Khan, a former SAD MLA and wife of late DGP Izhar Alam Khan, will contest from Malerkotla in Malwa region.

Sidhu's advisor booked for 'hate speech'

Chandigarh: Punjab Police on Sunday registered a case against by Mohammad Mustafa, former DGP and principal advisor to Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu, after a video of his 'hate speech' went viral. Mustafa is the husband of state cabinet minister and Congress Candidate from Malerkotla Razia Sultana. He has been booked for promoting enmity between different groups on religious grounds. AAP's Malerkotla candidate Jamil Ur Rahman had lodged a complaint against Mustafa for threatening party workers four days ago. Mustafa however claimed there was "absolutely no Hindu-Muslim context" to the incident.

Police of 15 states after Bihar's shutter cutter gadget thieves' gang

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

SENIOR police officials from 15 states have made formal inquiries while making visits to Ghorasahan in Bihar's East Champaran district, with the common objective of nabbing members of the *'shutter katwa'* (shutter cutter) gang.

An organised ring, they target big shops dealing in high-value electronic gadgets such as mobile phones and laptops.

Investigations into hundreds of cases registered in police stations across the country in Delhi, Uttarkhand, Rajasthan and Karnataka, among others, have taken officers to the gang's hideout in Ghorasahan town.

Interestingly, families of the gang members don't consider theft from big shops a crime. According to a Ghorasahan resident, "They regard the work they do with high esteem as it fetches money to change their fortunes. The gang members also borrow money from fellow villagers as a good luck charm before setting out on their missions of infamy."

Kumar Ashish, SP, East Champaran, said police teams from Odisha had met him as recent as January 21 and sought to arrest those involved in theft of phones worth ₹50 lakh from Odisha's Balangir.

Three from the gang were nabbed in the following probe. The special team recovered stolen mobile phones worth ₹30 lakh from their hideouts.

Two were arrested from Ghorasahan for their involvement in theft of mobile phones worth ₹10 lakh from a shop in MP's Chhindwara district on January 5. Last year, a Rajasthan police team had nabbed three members and recovered expensive phones worth ₹50 lakh.

An IPS officer, who earlier served as SP of East Champaran said, the 'shutter katwa' gang has around 250 members from Ghorasahan and its adjoining villages and 15 groups in different states. At least 100 members of the gang have been arrested from other states in the last five years.

Couple stages sit-in protest over attack on non-tribals in Meghalaya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

A couple in Meghalaya staged a sit-in stir on Sunday against "40 years of atrocities" against non-tribals in the state. The couple, identified as S K Choudhury and Kalpana, had planned a fast-unto-death, while authorities reduced the permission for a six-hour stir.

Eight others including Shillong-based activist Agnes Kharshiing had joined the stir at the Police Bazar point below the city's old assembly gate.

In a letter to the district magistrate seeking permission for the stir, Choudhury, a permanent resident of the hill state, had alleged that numerous atrocities had been committed against non-tribals since 1979.

According to the couple, till date, not a single murderer, looter, extortionist or criminal has been convicted or given punishment as per the law.

Intensive combing against Maoists progressing

Maoists activities are on the wane in Bihar. Intensive combing operations launched against the red rebels by both the special task force (STF) and the police have led to elimination of six Maoists and arrest of 220 activists in 2021. Sharing details of police operation against the Maoists, additional director general (HQ) Jitendra Singh Gangwar said two of the deceased Maoists were carrying rewards of ₹50,000 each. Seven regular weapons looted from security personnel, 8 country-made weapons, 52 landmines, 772 detonators, 1,481kg of explosives and 890 live cartridges were recovered. A sum of `1.79 crore was recovered by the STF in different operations in 2021.

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PATNA DIARY

PM acknowledges growth in tap water coverage

PM Narendra Modi has praised the Bihar government for successful execution of 'Nal-Jal Yojna' in the state. During his 'Man Ki Baat' programme, the PM said, as of now tap water is being supplied to 90% of the households in Bihar. Earlier, only 30% of households had access to tap water in the state. Recently, the state issued a directive asking the beneficiaries to pay ₹30 per month as tax for which they will be provided receipt by the committees formed in each panchayat ward. The state has also decided to provide ₹1,000 per month to each wards for maintenance, payment of electricity bill and repair work. Public health minister (PHED) Ram Prit Paswan said ₹6,000 crore was returned to the Centre after completion of 'Nal Jal Yojna' in the state. The scheme was launched in Bihar in 2016.

Pilot project for apple farming in seven districts

Inspired by the success of some farmers in growing apples, the horticulture wing has decided to launch a pilot project to grow the fruit in seven districts. Horticulture wing director Nand Kishore said officials have arranged sufficient number of plants of HRMN-99 variety of apple from the National Innovation Foundation, Hyderabad, for the fruit growers of Bihar. Farmers from Vaishali, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Samastipur, Aurangabad, Katihar and Muzaffarpur have been included in the pilot project, who will be imparted training for apple cultivation. Initially, Ranjit Kumar Singh of Vaishali started the plantation of HRMN-99 variety of apple on his land three years ago.

Bihar second in country in eShram registrations

Bihar ranked second after Uttar Pradesh in the registration of workers to eShram portal created by the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment. Till December 2021, 2.37 crore workers belonging to unorganised sector had registered from the state. State labour resources minister Jibesh Kumar said the government has set its target to get 3.49 crore workers registered on eShram portal from Bihar by the end of February. The registration will facilitate the workers to get benefits of government's schemes and also check their exploitation by employers. Till date, the government had no official data about workers engaged in unorganised sector.

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M, 19950/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6923, MAHESH M, 35760/-, CHAIN 1, 7019, G K HARSHA, 62100/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 7079, PRAKASH P V, 1000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BEML LAYOUT RAJARAJESWARI NAGAR, 108300700051654, VINOD KUMAR V, 16069/-, STUD 2, 1798, V S MADAIAH, 170059/-, NECKLACE 3, 1864, VINOD KUMAR V, 16498/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2019, ROHINI, 50499/-, BANGLE 1,FINGER RINGS 3, 2121, HARISH MANJUNATH, 303611/-, BANGLE 2,BROAD BANGLES 1,CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 1, 2276, HARISH NAIK, 378878/-, BANGLE 2,BRACELET 1,CHAIN 3,FINGER RINGS 6, 2289, PRAVEEN RAO G R, 9394/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2377, BASAVARAJ H, 21000/-, CHAIN 1, 2567, NIRMALA YADAV, 117863/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 2, 2584, BASAVARAJ H, 15376/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2619, KIRAN H, 7911/-, STUD 2, 2630, RAJAGURU, 93580/-, CHAIN 1, 2904, RAMYA B C, 73926/-, CHAIN 1, 2954, MURTHY C, 11982/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3090, VIJAY M, 72114/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 4,STUD 2, 3216, ROHITH BIYAL, 53993/-, NECKLACE 1, 3498, MANJUNATH L R, 51000/-, CHAIN 1, 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people were killed in a fire caused by fireworks in a nightclub in Cameroon's capital Yaounde

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	3	-5	LC	Los Angeles	23	8	SNY
Colombo	29	23	LC	Melbourne	33	21	LC
Dhaka	21	16	LR	Moscow	-8	-14	LC
Dubai	23	16	SNY	New York	1	-1	LC
Houston	14	5	LR	Singapore	31	25	LC
Istanbul	3	-1	SW	Toronto	-3	-10	SW
London	5	1	LC	Washington	3	0	SNY

Ukraine vows 'dismantling' of pro-Russia groups

Proclamation comes in wake of Britain's allegation that Russia was seeking to replace Ukraine's govt with a pro-Moscow administration

KYIV

UKRAINE said on Sunday it would continue countering pro-Russian individuals and entities aiming to destabilise Ukraine, after the UK accused Russia of looking to install a pro-Russian leader in Kyiv at a time when fears of a Russian invasion of Ukraine are growing. Tensions have soared in recent weeks as tens of thousands of Russian troops mass on Ukraine's border, along with an arsenal of tanks, fighting vehicles, artillery and missiles.

"Our state will continue its policy of dismantling any oligarchic or political structures that could be working to destabilise Ukraine or aid the occupiers," said Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky's chief of staff. The term is often used by officials in Kyiv to refer to Russia and its annexation of the Crimean peninsula in 2014.

The UK government had taken the unusual step of making a formal statement to warn of a Russian plot to install a pro-Kremlin leader in Ukraine. The UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) named former Ukrainian MP Yevhen Murayev as a potential Kremlin candidate and once again warned Russia of "severe costs" of activities to subvert Ukraine.

A poster of Russian President Vladimir Putin is used as target practice along a trench on the frontline with Russia-backed separatists in Lugansk of Ukraine | AFP

"The information ... shines light on the extent of Russian activity designed to subvert Ukraine, and is an insight into Kremlin's thinking," UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said on Saturday. "Russia must de-escalate, end its campaigns of aggression and disinformation, and pursue a path of diplomacy. As the UK and our partners have said repeatedly, any Russian military incursion into Ukraine would be a massive strategic mistake with severe costs," she said.

Podolyak on Sunday said, "Governments in countries allied with us have recently begun to bluntly call a spade a spade and expose certain 'friends of Russia'. This British information clearly follows along in this logical chain."

London's claim, however, was made based on an intelligence assessment without evidence to back it up.

"For some time, Russia has seen its main strategy towards Ukraine to be the selection of specific individuals in oligarchic or political circles and the attempt to promote Russia's interests through them," Podolyak said.

Russia dismisses claim

Russia's Foreign Ministry on Sunday rejected the UK's claim as "disinformation". "The disinformation spread by the British Foreign Office is more evidence that it is the NATO countries, led by the Anglo-Saxons, who are escalating tensions around Ukraine. We call on the British Foreign Office to stop provocative activities, stop spreading nonsense," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said. *Agencies*

POPE 'CONCERNED'

Vatican City: Pope Francis said on Sunday he was following "with concern" rising tensions in Ukraine that threaten to inflict a new blow to peace in Ukraine, and call into question the security of the European continent, with even wider repercussions. Following his Sunday Angelus prayer on St Peter's Square, he called for prayers "that every political action and initiative serve human brotherhood, rather than partisan interests". He proposed that next Wednesday 26 January be a day of prayer for peace. AFP

Germany comes under fire over mixed signals

FRANKFURT

GERMANY'S new government is facing pressure to get tough on Russia, after a German navy chief's pro-Moscow remarks angered Kyiv and exasperation grows with Berlin's fence-sitting in the Ukraine crisis.

After a week of frantic diplomacy that included a visit to Berlin by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Chancellor Olaf Scholz's government found itself scrambling at the weekend to reassure Kyiv of its support amid fears of a Russian invasion. The spat was triggered by German navy chief Kay-Achim Schoenbach's musings that it was "nonsense" to think Russia was about to march on Ukraine and that Putin deserves respect. Schoenbach resigned Saturday but the damage was done.

The Ukrainian ambassador to Germany, Andrij Melnyk, said Ukrainians were "deeply shocked".

The incident "massively calls into question Germany's international credibility and reliability — not only from the Ukrainian perspective," Andrij Melnyk said on Sunday.

Germany's cautious stance does not match the current security situation. Berlin should stop undermining unity among Kyiv's allies

Dmytro Kuleba, Ukraine Foreign Minister

In Kyiv, Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba summoned the German ambassador and accused Germany of "encouraging" Putin to attack Ukraine.

The Ukraine crisis is the first major test for Scholz, who took over from veteran leader Angela Merkel last month. His coalition government of the centre-left Social Democratic Party (SPD), the Greens and the pro-business FDP, has vowed "dialogue and toughness" with Russia. But it has struggled to overcome internal divisions and craft a unified response on how to deal with an emboldened Moscow. *AFP*

UAE bans pvt drones after deadly attack

DUBAI

THE UAE government has ordered to stop all flying operations of private drones and light sports aircraft in the Gulf country for a month, days after two Indians and a Pakistani national were killed in Abu Dhabi in a rare drone and missile attack claimed by Yemen's Houthi rebels.

The Ministry of Interior ordered to stop all flying operations of drones and light sports aircraft for owners, practitioners and enthusiasts from January 22. The ban also encompasses air and sail spots.

"The decision came after the misuse spotted recently, not limiting the practice of these sports to the areas identified in the user permits and trespassing into areas where these types of activities are prohibited," said the statement released by the UAE's official news agency Wam. *PTI*

IS, Kurdish forces battle kills 136 in Syria

Kurdish security forces patrol in Syria's northern city of Hasakeh | AFP

HASAKEH

A FIERCE battle raged in Syria for the fourth day on Sunday between US-backed Kurdish forces and Islamic State group jihadists who have attacked a prison, killing 136 people including civilians, a war monitor said. More than 100 insurgents late Thursday attacked the Kurdish-run Ghwayran jail in Hasakeh city to free fellow jihadists, in the most significant IS operation since its caliphate was defeated in Syria nearly three years ago.

Intense fighting since then has seen the militants free detainees and seize weapons stored at the jail, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, in what experts see as a bold IS attempt to regroup.

"At least 84 IS members and 45 Kurdish fighters, including internal security forces, prison guards and counter-terrorism forces, have been killed" inside and outside the prison since the start of the attack, the Observatory said. Seven civilians have also died in the fighting in the city, the largest in north-eastern Syria, it added.

The battles continued on Sunday as the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), backed by US-led coalition strikes, closed in on jihadist targets inside and outside the facility. The SDF said its forces sealed off the area around the jail and that "IS fighters located within the gates of the prison can no longer escape". *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

2 fishermen drown, 10 missing after boats sink

Karachi: Three fishing boats sank off Pakistan's coast in stormy weather, drowning at least two fishermen and causing 10 others to go missing, as navy and maritime security vessels rescued 32 fishermen, a district official said on Sunday. The boats sank on Saturday in the Arabian Sea near the coastal town of Keti Bunder. A search-and-rescue operation was begun with the help of navy and maritime security boats, said Ghazanfar Qadri, deputy commissioner of Thattha district. He said the fishing boats were out to sea when weather forced them to return but three boats carrying 44 crew members sank in high winds and rough waters. Rescue teams were sent to bring back some of the fishermen who took shelter on small islands but two of them drowned attempting to swim to the coast, Qadri said. AP

NEPAL

As Covid cases rise, former PM Oli tests positive

Kathmandu: Former Nepal Prime Minister and CPN-UML Chairman KP Sharma Oli has tested positive for Covid and is currently in isolation at his residence, as the Himalayan nation continues to grapple with an alarming rise in coronavirus cases. Oli, 70, had been feeling uneasy, and a polymerase chain reaction test conducted on Saturday had returned positive, media reports said. Even though he is fully vaccinated, Oli is a patient with comorbidities as he has undergone two kidney transplants. PTI

THAILAND

British man hacked to death with sickle

Bangkok: A Thai man has been charged with murder after a Briton was hacked to death with a rice sickle in western Thailand, police said on Sunday. Officers said the two men had been drinking alcohol outside a rented home in Kanchanaburi's Muang district in the early hours of Saturday before the incident. A sickle used to harvest rice was found at the crime scene along with a pair of shoes, local media reported. A 50-year-old British man — who had lived in Thailand for five years with his Thai wife — was found dead lying in a pool of blood. His 54-year-old friend was seriously injured in the attack, police commander of western provinces Thanayut Wuthijarasthamrong said. "The other Briton is now safe and under care of doctors," Thanayut said, adding the police probe was ongoing. AFP

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Employment Notice No. CMP/01/Covid-19/Gaz/2022 dated : 21-01-2022

South Western, Mysuru Division proposes to engage full time Medical Practitioners (GDMO) for a period of two months or up to 31-03-2022 whichever is earlier on Covid-19 account for Mysuru Division, SWR subject to following terms and conditions.

1	Name of the Post	Contract Medical Practitioner (GDMO)
2	Age Limit	(1) Open Market - Should not have completed more than 50 Years as on 21.01.2022 (2) For Retired Railway Doctors / Retired State / Central Govt. Medical Officers - Up to the age of 65 years as on 21.01.2022
3	No. of vacancies	02 Posts
4	Place at which service required	Mysuru Division, SWR
5	Venue for Walk in Interview	Office of the Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, Divisional Railway Managers Office, South Western Railway, Irwin Road, Mysuru.
6	Date & Time of Walk in Interview	01.02.2022 from 11.00 hrs onwards upto 17.00 hrs.
7	Honorarium	A consolidated pay of Rs. 75,000/- Per month for Open Market Doctor. For Retired Railway Doctor / Retired State / Central Govt. Medical Officers, please refer the notification.

For details log on: http://www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

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UK MP claims she was sacked from govt over 'Muslimness'

LONDON

A BRITISH lawmaker of Pakistani origin on Sunday alleged that she was sacked from a ministerial role in the Conservative Party government in February 2020 because of her 'Muslimness'.

Nusrat Ghani, 49, was appointed to a junior ministerial post at the UK's Department for Transport in 2018 under former Prime Minister Theresa May. But she lost that job in a reshuffle by Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government in February 2020, a move she told 'The Sunday Times' was attributed to her Muslim faith.

"At the post-reshuffle meeting with the whips I asked what the thinking was behind the decision to fire me... 'Muslimness' was raised as an 'issue', that my 'Muslim woman minister' status was making colleagues uncomfortable and that there were concerns 'that I wasn't loyal to the party as I didn't do enough to defend the party against Islamophobia allegations'," Ghani said.

The Chief Whip of the Conservative Party, Mark Spencer, responded to the allegation in a statement on Twitter that Ghani's claims were 'completely false'. *PTI*

Iran rights defender sentenced to 8-years jail, flogging, says husband

Narges Mohammadi

PARIS

AN Iranian court has sentenced leading human rights campaigner Narges Mohammadi to eight years in prison and over 70 lashes, her husband announced on Sunday, following her sudden arrest in November last year. Her husband Taghi Rahmani, who is based in France, wrote on Twitter that the sentence was handed out after a hearing that lasted only five minutes.

The details of both the verdict and the case against her remain unclear.

A colleague of Nobel Peace Prize-winning campaigner Shirin Ebadi, who now lives outside Iran, Mohammadi has been repeatedly jailed by the Iranian authorities over the last years. She was released from prison in October 2020 but then suddenly arrested in November 2021 in Karaj outside Tehran while attending a memorial for a man killed during nationwide protests in 2019.

Amnesty International at the time condemned Mohammadi's arrest and described her as a "prisoner of conscience targeted solely for her peaceful human rights activities".

Mohammadi, who has long campaigned against the use of the death penalty in Iran, had before her latest arrest been working with families seeking justice for loved ones who they say were killed by security forces in the 2019 protests. Even while out of prison, she had in 2021 been handed a sentence of 80 lashes and 30 months in jail on charges of "propaganda".

Activists have decried what they see as increased repression in Iran over the last months, including the jailing of campaigners and greater use of the death penalty. Prominent detainees have also died in prison, such as the well-known poet Baktash Abtin.

Another rights defender serving a lengthy sentence is prize-winning lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh who defended women arrested for protesting against the requirement for Iranian women to wear the hijab. *AFP*

Shares of big tech firms disappoint investors

The sharp correction in share prices comes as markets have been under pressure due to unfavourable global cues

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

IN July 2021, when food delivery start-up Zomato made a stellar debut on the stock exchanges, it was widely believed that new-age tech companies are the new gold mines for investors. However, if not all, most of these companies disappointed investors big-time and emerged as the biggest wealth eraser of recent times.

Shares of One 97 Communications (Paytm), India's largest fintech firm, continued its downward journey and on Friday (January 21) plunged to a new low. The stock hit a lifetime low of ₹952, down about 4% from Thursday' closing and lower 56% from its IPO price of ₹2,150. The market capitalisation of the company also fell to a low of ₹62,000 crore.

Paytm is now inching towards its most bearish target price of ₹900, set by Macquarie analysts, who also were the first to rightly predict it's initial fall. However, few global brokerages such as Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and JP Morgan are a bit bullish on the stock and expect a turnaround from its low point.

Morgan Stanley in December initiated overweight rating on the stock and set a target price of ₹1875 a share, up around 50% from its Friday's close while JP Morgan earlier this month set a target price of ₹1,850, citing the fact that the shares are trading at a discount to its global and private peers. The three firms were among the lead bankers for the Paytm public issue.

Despite this neutral/overweight view, the stock continues to decline as profitability of Paytm at large remains a distant dream.

The other new-age stock that has wiped out half of investors' wealth in no time is of used car marketplace CarTrade Tech, which came up with its public issue in August'21. The company had set an issue price of ₹1,618 apiece, and was listed at discount at ₹1,610. Since then, CarTrade share prices have fallen to half as on Friday it closed at ₹814 on the NSE. Analysts at Citigroup Global Markets have set the 12-month target price at ₹1,130, which is 30% lower than its issue price. Its bull case price target has been set at ₹1,570, while the he bear case target is kept at ₹727.

Besides Paytm and CarTrade, PB Fintech, the parent company of Policybazaar, is another stock which has received lukewarm response from investors. The stock hit a new low of ₹857 in recent sessions and on Friday it closed at ₹864 on the BSE. Since its positive listing in November last year, the market price of PB Fintech dipped around 35%. Morgan Stanley in its recent commentary maintained its "equal-weight" stance and its price target of ₹1,160 on the stock, which implies a nearly 30% upside from current levels.

Zomato and Nykaa, the two tech companies, which gave bumper listing gains to investors have also struggled in recent sessions. For the first time since its market debut, Zomato shares have dropped below their listing price as selling escalated in the last four sessions. On Friday, Zomato fell 10% to hit a fresh 52-week low of ₹113.15 and closed the session at ₹114. The stock has fallen nearly 15% in four sessions and its market cap now stands below ₹1 lakh crore-mark.

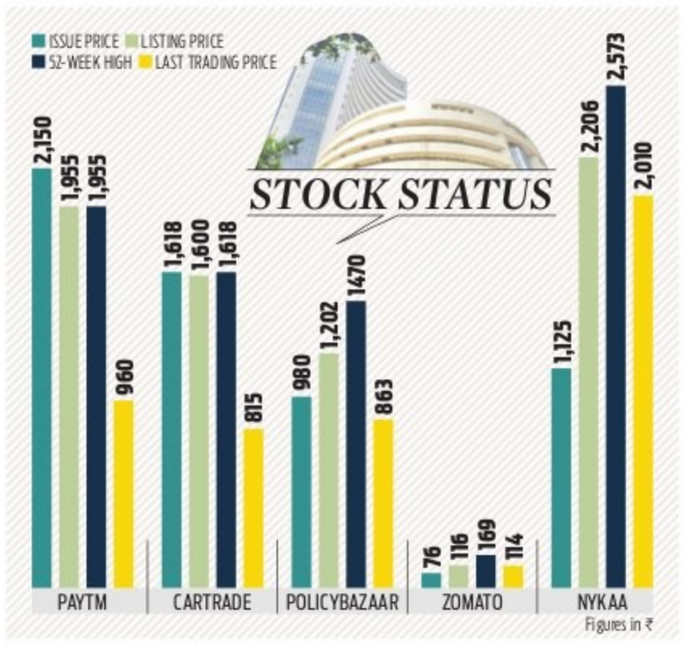
Even Nykaa, one of the very few profitable e-commerce companies, is going through a selling phase. The stock on Friday closed 2% lower at ₹2010 a piece, which also is around 25% lower than its 52-week high of ₹2573. The sharp correction in share prices of these internet-based companies comes at a time when stock markets have been under pressure due to unfavourable global cues. The expectation that Federal Reserve would quicken the rate hikes has taken the US Treasury yields sharply higher, a big factor that triggered a strong sell-off in the equity markets. The benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty fell sharply by 3.57% and 3.5% last week.

However, the loss-making tech companies are under pressure due to other factors as well. Market analysts believe that new-age companies are not making profits and trading at an extremely rich valuation, hence a correction was overdue.

As for investors, who have purchased these stocks at high levels, it will be difficult for them to make profits or even recover their losses in short term as most of these stocks are trading 25-55% lower than their 52-week high prices.

A senior analyst said that a surge of 20-30% in PayTm and CarTrade from the current level gives an opportunity to investors to exit the stock. "Investors, who don't want to remain invested for 3-4 years should offload these stocks when there is a surge and invest the withdrawn sum in financial and IT firms. It is highly unlikely that these highly valued stocks will be multi-baggers like Tata and Adani stocks," he said requesting not be named.

Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said, "Investors who put money in such IPOs should restrict the amount to be invested in each such IPO and keep a stoploss in terms of absolute loss per IPO if they do not have any medium-term conviction on the business prospects of the company. Investing in such high-priced IPOs pays off only in times of bubbly market conditions; hence investors should keep this in mind."



MONEY-WISE

BUDGET FANTASIES AND THE INDIAN MIDDLE CLASS

THE run up to, and the immediate Budget aftermath, is that time of the year when television channels get prepared to play brain-numbing 'marks out of 10 for the Budget' games with happy to oblige corporate honchos.

On the individual front, the rich view the Budget as an annual pin-prick and the poor have very little to lose, in any case. The ones who follow the pre-Budget media coverage closely and are most affected too are the beleaguered middle-class. Unfortunately, this leads to fantasies.

The biggest middle class fantasy fuelled by ill-informed 'experts' is that Income Tax will be replaced by Expenditure tax. The better informed know that both taxes are already in place in the form of Direct and Indirect taxes and hence, the two are not really mutually exclusive.

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Then, there is the perpetual fantasy that personal tax rates will be reduced to a uniform 15% level. Historical evidence suggests that barring some tinkering of the threshold at the lowest tax rate level, most changes in personal taxation have been harsh and punitive in nature with steep surcharges and some new forms of cess being periodically added to further deplete the net income of individuals.

Many stock-market participants, I have noticed over the years, tend to view the Budget as an exercise exclusively for their benefit and have fantasised about a return to the zero capital gains tax rate for equities.

In reality though, the Indian exchequer extracts more than its pound of flesh in the form of not just capital gains tax, but also a steep securities transaction tax. Further, there is near random Capital Gains tax rates even across sub-asset classes that is confounding.

What about Dividend Tax ? Hopefully, it will go this year is yet another fantasy that is doomed to bite the dust. Corporate lobbying ensured the end or at least, near-end of the draconian double taxation of dividend. In a case of the cure being deadlier than the disease it was replaced with a full tax having to be paid by the recipient which was another case of shifting of the goal-post for long-term equity investors.

There are many more middle class fantasies that play out for around two weeks in the run up to the Budget, fuelled by talking heads on television, only to be dashed to the ground post the actual announcement of the Budget.

To cut a long story short, middle class investors would do well to recognise that the Budget always was and will remain not just a financial but also a socio-political statement that attempts to balance the needs of the economy with maximum political mileage. The middle class is more often than not, the collateral damage in this exercise.

My suggestion thus is, to focus your energies instead on investing prudently and for the long term. Shutting out external noises and especially the high decibel ones emanating from television sets, pre and post Budget could be a good way to start.

Lift Covid curbs on economic activity: CII to state govts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@New Delhi

AHEAD of Union Budget 2022-23, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has urged state governments to lift restrictions on economic activity.

CII said Hospitalisation rates in the present wave stand at manageable levels and therefore, industry feels that Covid-related restrictions can be removed to enable the robust recovery process to continue.

With a lower level of hospitalizations seen in the Omicron variant, it is possible to maintain normal economic activities and protect lives and livelihoods," said Mr T V Narendran, President, CII.

CII requested that the Government should encourage industry to deploy CSR funding towards providing precautionary shots to the community.

Further, industry is ready to contribute an additional 1% under the CSR norms to the national vaccination mission, apart from the mandated 2%, and this can be part of the Budget for a period of 12 months only, suggested CII.

Narendran added, "CII suggests that 1% of mandated CSR funds be earmarked for vaccination. We also recommend that an additional 1% be added to CSR requirements in the Budget, for a specified period of 12 months, so that boosters can be made available to all age-groups.

"In fact, our recommendation has been that if companies spend on vaccines for their employees, their families and members of the community, then that expense can be set off against this additional CSR spend."

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WHAT SHOULD BE YOUR BUDGET 2022

RAJAS KELKAR

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget for 2022-23 in the Lok Sabha on 1 February 2022. It will set the tone for the government finances for the year ahead.

Financial markets tend to look forward to the government's estimates for the year 2022-23 on the fiscal deficit and the overall government borrowing.

Just like the government makes plans for the income and expenditure in the year ahead, you could take a leaf out of the Budget process for your finances too.

It matters how the rupee comes to your account and how it goes out. Managing your finances is similar to the budgeting exercise of the government.

You have to plan your expenditure and investments well and focus on improving your income. It is a good habit to prepare a plan for the year ahead.

Your income

It has been a tumultuous year for everyone. A survey by the Reserve Bank of India published in the latest RBI Bulletin suggests a flat household income sentiment.

The current and future expectation of household income slumped in March 2020 and has barely recovered to pre-pandemic levels. That means most of you do not expect pay to rise next year.

You may want to look for a side hustle. If you are in the software services sector, it is time for you to negotiate better pay. There is a shortage of talent, and the attrition rate or the rate at which people quit jobs is high, according to quarterly results announced by these companies.

If you are in hospitality, travel, tourism, aviation, things will be challenging for the next two quarters. However, as the lockdowns end and people move around, the demand for skilled workers would rise.

Your expenditure

Just as the household income sentiment remains flat, the outlook for household spending is also weak. It is proved that the consumption expenditure falls as income uncertainty prevails in multiple surveys that RBI conducted.

Your ability to spend more entire rests on the direction of your income. If your income prospects are weak, there is a good chance that you may end up borrowing to meet your planned expenditure for the year. You should opt for a loan if you are confident of your income in the year ahead.

You may want to refrain from taking loans or using credit cards if you are not confident about your income situation at the moment.

When the government borrows more than expected in a financial year, additional borrowing hits the economy by pushing up interest rates. However, you do not have a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to help you borrow money as you need. You have to weigh your options carefully during the year and strike a balance between your income and expenditure.

Your investments

The government plans and incurs capital expenditure to boost economic growth. When it builds roads, bridges or invests money into creating physical infrastructure, those things generate additional economic employment and boost growth.

Your capital expenditure is your investment for your future goals. You need to allocate adequate portions of your income for long-term and short-term financial goals. You must sit with your financial advisor to draw the plan. Investing regularly through systematic investment plans of mutual funds is necessary for your finances. If the past 12-24 months have taught us anything, a sizeable emergency fund is needed now for every household.

Just like the finance minister makes a speech to the nation on the state of government finances, you may want to get your family together to discuss the state of your household finances.

You can sit with all of them and discuss the significant everyday expenses you need to budget for during the year. You may want to take up some renovation work in your home or travel somewhere when allowed. If you plan it right, you may achieve all those objectives.

Your family members may also develop ideas on expenditure they wish to incur or ways they can generate additional income during the year. That could influence your finances for the year.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

EXPRESS READ

Vedanta's $10-bn fund to acquire govt assets

New Delhi: Vedanta Resources Ltd's plan to set up a $10 billion fund to acquire state-owned firms has attracted interest from sovereign wealth funds and the corpus will be floated once the government invites price for firms such as BPCL or Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), its chairman said in an interview with PTI. Metals and mining magnate Anil Agarwal's group has expressed interest to acquire government stake in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and SCI, worth over $12 billion.

NAEC asks govt help contain cost of cotton

New Delhi: The Noida Apparel Export Cluster (NAEC) on Sunday sought immediate intervention of the government in containing high cost of cotton yarn and fabrics, saying rising prices are impacting exporters. NAEC president Lalit Thukral suggested control in cotton exports, removal of 10% cotton import duty, and development of a mechanism to regulate prices of cotton.

Single volume Econ Survey likely

New Delhi: The finance ministry is expected to come out with a single volume Economic Survey for 2021-22 projecting a growth of around 9% for the next financial year. The Survey, tabled in Parliament ahead of the Budget, is being prepared by Principal Economic Advisor and other officials in absence of Chief Economic Advisor (CEA), who traditionally is the main architect of the document.

Samara can invest ₹7k cr: Amazon tells FRL

New Delhi: Put on notice to confirm capital infusion to avert a looming loan default, Amazon told Future Retail Ltd (FRL) Samara Capital remains interested in buying out the retailer's businesses for ₹7,000 crore. Asked by FRL's independent directors to confirm if it will infuse ₹3,500 crore into the cash-strapped retailer to enable it to pay its lenders by the due date of Jan 29, Amazon wrote to them saying FRL should provide its financial details to Samara Capital for the private equity fund to conduct an expedited due diligence.

Retail level traders use stock options for playing results season; Futures' trading costlier

RAM SAHGAL @Mumbai

IT'S that time of the year when punting on stock derivatives rises. Quarterly results season. Many retail level traders are punting through the stock options route with SEBI's new upfront margin rules and slashing of intraday leverage making futures' trading costlier than before.

Small retail clients normally purchase options like calls and puts, depending on whether they're bullish or bearish. A call buyer is bullish while a put buyer is bearish.

The reason they choose to buy, rather than sell options is because buying involves them paying the options' seller a premium, price for the option, while selling involves placing a margin with the exchange's clearing corporation which is equal to a margin placed for initiating a futures trade, and, therefore, costlier.

Besides this, an options' seller faces unlimited risk while a buyer's maximum risk is limited to the premium paid, while profits can be huge if the stock moves more than anticipated, either up or down.

Many retail-level traders wagered big ahead of ICICI Bank's Q3 results by buying a huge number of call options, expecting the price of the share to rise when markets open Monday. The bank reported numbers on Saturday .

The share price raises the option premium, enabling call buyers to profit. However, were the share to fall, they would lose money as the premiums (paid to the call seller) would shrink upon market opening Monday.

For instance, ICICI Bank closed at ₹810.65 apiece Friday. Clients, among others, punted big by buying call options on ICICI at 810 - outstanding trader positions or open positions at the 810 call rose by 1386 contracts to 3056 contracts at close on Friday.

The volume weighted average price (Vwap) of the option was ₹13.16 a share (1375 shares make one option's contract) on Friday. A client must pay ₹18095 to buy one contract based on the Vwap.

This means ICICI would have to trade or expire above ₹823.16 (810 + 13.16) from Monday through Thursday, when the contract expires, for the buyer to gain.

If the Street likes the bank's numbers, the share price could rise significantly and so can the contract price. If it's unenthused the share could remain flat in which event the option premium would decline to due to time decay. If the Street is disappointed, the share could fall and the call buyers could lose money as their premium would erode soon .

Options show the ICICI stock could face resistance at ₹830, ₹850 and ₹900. Supports kick in at ₹800 and ₹750, based on options data.

The rising interest in stock options is borne out by number of contracts traded rising from 25.87 lakh contracts on January 11, a day before TCS kicked off the Q3 results declaration season to 44 lakh contracts on January 21. The value of the options traded spurted from ₹2 lakh crore to ₹3.38 lakh crore over the period.

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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE OF ASSETS ON 10.02.2022

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive/Actual/Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 10.02.2022** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **09.02.2022 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s Meridian Exports Pvt Ltd Represented by its Directors : i) Mr.S.Kishore ii) Mrs.Srilakshmi Kishore, Registered & Corporate Office:** No.31, Opp.Mico Bosch Factory Gate No.2, Marble Market, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560030, **Other Address:** National highway No.8, Suker, Udaipur, Rajasthan. **(2) Mr.S.Kishore,** S/o Mr.H.Satyanarayana **(3) Mrs.Srilakshmi Kishore,** W/o Mr.S. Kishore, **No.2 & 3 are residing at:** No.504, 6th Cross, 6th Main, 4th Block, S.T.Bed, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034. **No.1, 2 & 3 also at :** #511, Barton Centre, #84, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001 **Loan Account No : Pre-Shipment Credit accounts, Post - Shipment Credit Accounts, Current Account No. No. 1182000100001401**	**Rs. 3,64,23,837.69 01.01.2022**	**02.12.2021 Physical**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.504, measuring East to West 15.25 mtrs and North to South 24 mtrs (366 Smt or 3938 Sq.ft), with Residential building constructed thereon measuring total built up area 579.92 Smt or 6240 Sq.ft (GF+FF+SF+Terrace Floor), situated at 6th Cross, 6th Main, ST Bed 4th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560034, belonging to **Mr. S. Kishore. Boundaries (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Road/Road, **West by :** Site No.505/Vacant Land, **North by :** Shop Site/No.503, **South by:** Road/Road	**Rs. 8,11,00,000.00 (Rupees Eight Crores Eleven Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 81,10,000.00 (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)**	**12.35 P.M to 12.55 P.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Overseas A/c No: 1183500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000118**
2	**(1) Mr. Ravikiran N.G,** S/o Mr. Gangadhara Shetty, **(2) Mrs. Sujatha,** W/o Mr. Ravikiran N.G, **Both are addressed at :** No.95, 1st Floor, Bhimjyothi Co-operative Housing Society Ltd, LIC Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru- 560079. **Loan Account No. TL A/c No.0627001650561601**	**Rs. 39,22,909.40 28.10.2021**	**06.09.2021 Actual**	All that part and parcel of vacant Residential property bearing Site No.909, Sector 'A' Category LIG, as per E-Katha Property No.150200103200721088, measuring 122.40 Sqm or 1317.51 Sq.ft (East to West 12.00 Meters and North to South 9.00+11.40/2 Meters) developed by the Karnataka Housing Board under Suvarna Karnataka Scheme and 225 Scheme situated at Suryanagara Phase-II, Hinnaki Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, belonging to **Mr. Ravikiran N.G. Boundaries of Property (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Site No.906 LIG/ Vacant Plot, **West by:** 12.00 Meters Wide Road/Road, **North by:** Site No.908 LIG/ Vacant Plot, **South by:** Site No.910 LIG/Vacant Plot.	**Rs. 29,70,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 2,97,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Only)**	**3.15 P.M to 3.35 P.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Minerva Circle A/c No: 0623500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000062**
3	**(1) Mr. Shrikant N Toravi,** S/o Mr. Ningonda Toravi, **(2) Mrs. Swapna,** W/o Mr. Shrikant N Toravi, **Both are addressed at :** #TF-7, Third Floor, Balaji Residency, Near Sadhana Public School, Banashankari 6th Stage, Kanakapura Road, Hosahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru – 560062 **Loan Account No. PSTL A/c No.9017001800013401**	**Rs. 32,35,260.00 18.02.2020**	**24.09.2021 Physical**	All that part and parcel of **Residential Apartment bearing No.TF-7 (2 BHK), on the third floor of the apartment building known as "Balaji Residency", having super built up area 1100 Sq.ft,** along with 285 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and one cover car parking space in the basement, constructed on land bearing Site No's 22, 23, 24, having single Joint Khata No.365, formed out of residentially converted land bearing Survey No.10/3, situated at Hosahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, belonging to Mr. Shrikant N Toravi. **Boundaries of Property as per Deed: East by:** Site No.25, **West by:** Ramappa and Gopalappa's Property, **North by:** Ramaiah's Property, **South by:** Road.	**Rs. 22,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 2,20,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)**	**10.35 A.M to 10.55 A.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Uttarahalli A/c No: 9013500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000901**
4	**(1) M/s Sri Sai Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Vinod M, (2) Mrs. Radha, W/o Mr. Vinod M, Both 1 & 2 are addressed at :** E-495, Janatha Colony, Jigani, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka – 560105 **Loan Account No. PSOD A/c No.9667000600000401**	**Rs. 1,14,96,529.00 01.01.2022**	**24.08.2021 Constructive**	All that part and parcel **Residential property bearing No.486/26, Site No.26, Sy.No.122, Katha No.1065, E-Katha No.150200100700201088, measuring 900 Sq.ft (East to West – 30'0", North to South – 30'0") as per documents,** with building constructed thereon (GF+FF+SF +TF+Terrace Floor) measuring total area 2,542.50 Sq.ft as per sanction plan, 3,650 Sq.ft as per actual, situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru – 560105, belonging to **Mr. Vinod M. Boundaries of Property (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** 30 feet Road/ Road, **West by:** Site No.27/Sheet roof Building, **North by:** 20 feet road/ Road, **South by:** Site No.21/Two floor Residential/ Commercial building.	**Rs. 64,64,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 6,46,400.00 (Rupees Six Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Only)**	**12.05 P.M to 12.25 P.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru - Global Village A/c No: 9663500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000966**
5	**(1) M/s Thirumala Constructions, Represented by its Proprietor Mr.Babu P,** No.356, 2nd Floor, 4th Main Road, CQAL Layout, Sahakaranagara, Bengaluru-560092, **(2) Mr. Babu P,** S/o Mr. Mr.Vengamarju P, **(3) Mrs.Sarala P,** W/o Mr. Babu P, **No.2 & 3 are addressed at:** No.356., 2nd Floor, CQAL Layout, Sahakaranagara, Bengaluru-560092, **(4) Mr.Narase Gowda,** S/o Mr.Thimme Gowda, **(5) Mrs.Yasoda,** W/o Mr.Narase Gowda, **No.4 & 5 are addressed at:** No.8, 8th Cross, Ganapathi Nagara, Bengaluru-560026. **Loan Account No. (1) PSOD A/c No.1047000601212901 (2) PDPN A/c No.1047001400525901 (3) Protested Bill A/c No.1047003900000301**	**Rs. 3,60,48,128.68 (Rs. 2,81,72,079.95 + Rs. 18,94,203.81 + Rs. 59,81,844.92) 01.05.2021, 25.04.2021 & 01.05.2021 Respectively**	**17.09.2019 Constructive**	All that piece and parcel of **immovable property measuring East to West 50 feet & North to South – 40+49/2 ft (i.e total area 2225 Sq.ft) bearing Muncipal No.3/6-8,** along with Residential Building constructed thereon measuring 6000 Sq.ft , situated at Byatarayanapura Village, presently within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru bearing New No.8, Ward No.41, PID No.41-82-8, 8th Cross, Ganapathinagara,Chandra Layout, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr. Narase Gowda. Boundaries of the land (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Drainage/Storm Water Drain, **West by :** Site No.5/Site No.3/5, **North by :** Others Property /Others Property, **South by:** Road/ 8th Cross Road.	**Rs. 1,88,15,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Eighty Eight Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 18,81,500.00 (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Only)**	**3.45 P.M to 4.05 P.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru- Basaveshwarnagar A/c No: 1043500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000104**
6	**(1) M/s TMHS Exports, Represented by its Partners : i) Mr.Shyamasundara Babu Narayanam ii) Mrs.Triveni Shyamasundara Narayanam (2) Mr.Shyamasundara Babu Narayanam,** S/o Mr.Narayana Adinarayana **(3) Mrs.Triveni Shyamasundara Narayanam,** W/o Mr.Shyamasundara Babu Narayanam, **All are addressed at :** No.31, Meenal Harsha Layout, Opp.Harsha School, Yelachenahalli Road, Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru-560062 **Loan Account : Pre-Shipment Credit accounts, CURRENT ACCOUNT No. 1182000100045801**	**Rs. 3,75,10,852.84 01.01.2022**	**15.12.2021 Physical**	All that part and parcel of immovable property bearing Gramathana Site No.31 measuring 2400 Sq.ft [East to West – 60.00 feet, North to South – 40.00 feet] , formed out of VP Khata No.612, House List No.121, with Residential Building constructed thereon [GF+FF+SF] measuring 2477.25 Sq.ft as per plan , situated at Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently having BBMP Khata No.483/31/485/579, Ward No.185, Bengaluru – 560078, **belonging to Mr. Shyam Sundar Babu Narayanam. Boundaries (As per Deed/Actual) : East by:** Property bearingNo.17/Apartment Building, **West by :** 30 feet road/II Main Road, **North by :** Property bearing No.30/Vacant Site, **South by:** Property bearing No.32/Vacant Site.	**Rs. 2,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Two Crores Only)**	**Rs. 20,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only)**	**2.05 P.M to 2.25 P.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru - Overseas A/c No: 1183500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000118**
7	**(1) Mr. Gavin Adrian Brown,** S/o Mr. Gordon Brown, E 403, Mims Residency, Ground Floor, Jakkur Layout, Jakkur, Near Railway Track, Bengaluru – 560064, **(2) Mrs. R. Shwetha Rama,** W/o Mr. Gavin Adrian Brown, 1/32 A, 135 C, 305, Arun Patios Apartment, Kerrchenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560064 **Loan Account No. TL A/c No.0627001650563701**	**Rs. 66,03,615.76 01.01.2022**	**22.09.2021 Actual**	All that part and parcel of the **Northern portion of immovable property bearing Site No.37/15, Assessment No.37/15, BBMP Khata No.1085/37/15, admeasuring 1520 Sq.ft (East to West-40.00 feet, North to South-38.00 feet),** situated at Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, belonging to **Mr. Gavin Adrian Brown. Boundaries of Property as per Deed: East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Other's Property, **South by:** Remaining portion of the same property.	**Rs. 84,44,000.00 (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 8,44,400.00 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Only)**	**3.05 P.M to 3.25 P.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru- Minerva Circle A/c No: 0623500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000062**
8	**(1) M/s Sai Nandini Construction , Represented by its proprietor Mr. Damodhar Reddy, (2) Mr. Damodhar Reddy,** S/o Mr. Subba Reddy, **(3) Mrs. Susheela D,** W/o Mr. Damodhar Reddy, **All are addressed at:** No.01, 6th Main, Ganapathipura, Konanakunte, Bengaluru – 560062. **Loan Account No. PSOD A/c No.1147000600013001**	**Rs. 84,95,388.56 01.01.2022**	**03.12.2019 Actual/ Constructive**	(1) All that piece and parcel of **Vacant Residential property** bearing Site No.51, Property No.16/41, VP Khata No.80/16/41/51, measuring 1200 Sq.ft, [East to West-40.00 feet, North to South-30.00 feet], bearing No.16/41, situated at Kulumepalya, Kannayakana Agarahara Dhakale, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560083, belonging to **Mr. Damodhar Reddy. Boundaries of Property : (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Site No.21/Vacant Site, **West by :** Road/II Main Road, **North by :** Site No.52/GF Sheet roof Building, **South by :** Site No.50/Vacant Site.	**Rs. 14,40,000.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 1,44,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh Forty Four Thousand Only)**	**4.05 P.M to 4.25 P.M**	**Rs. 25,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – KH Road A/c No: 1143500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000114**
				(2) All that piece and parcel of **immovable property bearing No.4, VP Khata No.55, BBMP Khata No.1728/55/4, measuring 600 Sq.ft [East to West - 15 feet, North to South – 40 feet]** with Residential building constructed thereon [GF+FF+SF and Third Floor] measuring 2000 Sq.ft as per physical measurement, situated at 1st Cross, Gottigere, Kammanahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, belonging to **Mr. Damodhar Reddy. Boundaries of Property : (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Eastern Portion of Site No.4/ No.55/4, 2 floor residential building, **West by :** Site No.3/Vacant Site, **North by :** 25 feet Road/1st Cross Road, **South by :** Property of Chandrashekar/ Residential Building.	**Rs. 40,00,000.00 (Rupees Forty Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 4,00,000.00 (Rupees Four Lakhs Only)**	**4.35 P.M to 4.55 P.M**	**Rs. 25,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – KH Road A/c No: 1143500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000114**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/ on 10.02.2022 at above mentioned timings** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending Bidder is required to register their name at **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e online training on e-auction **(tentatively on 09.02.2022)** from **M/s e-Procurement Technologies Ltd, Registered & Corporate Office:** B-705, Wall Street - II, Opp. Orient Club, Nr. Gujarat College, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006, **Help Line: (O) 079-68136837/80/42, (Mobile) 9265562818/21/19, Contact Person:** Mr. Ram Prasad Sharma (Assistant Manager), **Mail Id:** ramprasad@auctiontiger.net , **Mobile No: +91 9978591888/support@auctiontiger.net.**

Date : 20.01.2022
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer,
Karnataka Bank Ltd.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Home Finance | **Registered office:** ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051

Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Office: 1st floor, No.165 & 166, Manjunatha Chambers, Shankar Nagar, Main Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore- 560096
Branch Office: 1st floor, No.181, Sundari Armadale, Whitefield Main Road, Whitefield, Bangalore- 560066

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description ofproperty/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Mervyn Albert (Borrower), Albert Patrick (Co-Borrower), NHBNG00000730370	Annayappa Layout, Konena Agrahara No 9 Bangalore-560017./ Date of Possession- 20-Jan-22	27-08-2021 Rs. 10,61,960/-	Bangalore (Yeshwantpur)-B
2.	Waseem Khan (Borrower), Reshma R (Co-Borrower), LHKLR00001286127	NA VR Gold Park 205/45 45 Bangarpet-563162./ Date of Possession- 20-Jan-22	27-07-2021 Rs. 5,46,457/-	Bangalore-Whitefield (Thubrahalli)-B

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : January 24, 2022
Place: Bangalore, Bangarpet

Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

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Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Office: 1st floor, No.165 & 166, Manjunatha Chambers, Shankar Nagar, Main Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore- 560096

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description ofproperty/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Arunkumar C (Borrower), Ambika Chandrappa (Co-Borrower), LHBNG00001286752	# 21, 8th main, 1st cross, behind SBI Bank, BTM 4th Stage Bangalore 560076. Date of Possession- 20-Jan-22	10-05-2021 Rs. 41,06,243	Bangalore (Yeshwantpur)-B
2.	B M Manjunath (Borrower), Chandrakala (Co-Borrower), NHBNG00001276444	11 3rd Main Road 2nd Cross J C Nagar, Mahalaxmipuram Layout Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560086./ Date of Possession- 20-Jan-22	17-04-2021 Rs. 54,02,260/-	Bangalore (Yeshwantpur)-B
3.	MdMustar Ahmad (Borrower), Razia Khatoon (Co-Borrower), LHBNG00001286240	No 56, Medahalli New Extn, old Madras Road, Virgo Nagar Post, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560049. Date of Possession- 20-Jan-22	10-05-2021 Rs. 11,20,727/-	Bangalore (Yeshwantpur)-B

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : January 24, 2022
Place: Bangalore, Kolar

Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Branch Office: 1st floor, No.165 & 166, Manjunatha Chambers, Shankar Nagar, Main Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore – 560096

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Deepa (Borrower), Shivanna C (Co- Borrower), 124 2 P And T Layout Devamatha School Ro Karnataka Bangalore- 560043, LHBJP00001357422.	4 Site No 4 Khata No 125/6 B Khata Horamavu Agrahara Village K R Puram Bangalore 560036 Midlle Class Area 125/6 Bangalore-560036. Bounded By - North: Site No. 05, South: Remaining Portion Of Site No. 04, East: Property Belonging To Sri M Narayanappa, West: Road.	17-11-2021 Rs. 35,50,007/-	11/10/ 2021
2.	S Appanna Gowda (Borrower), Nirmala Hanumegowda (Co-Borrower), No 60 11th Main Nr Layout Virat Nagar Bommanahalli Bangalore-560068/ NHBNG00001293474.	13 Plot No 13 Block 13 Property Bearing Site No. 13, Viratnagar Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Khatha No 798/765/49/13 Bangalore-560068. Bounded By- North: Site No.12, South: Site No.14, East: Site No.06, West: Road.	17-11-2021 Rs. 77,79,310/-	06/10/ 2021
3.	Solomon Kishore (Borrower), Domanic Stalin (Co-Borrower), No. 441 2nd Main Road Gandhipura Masqid Whitefield Bangalore Bangalore-560066/ NHBNG00001296795.	28/1 No 68 Nagondanahalli Nagondanahalli Village 28/2 Bangalore- 560066. Bounded By - North: Site No 67, South: Site No 69, East: Road, West: Site No 73.	17-11-2021 Rs. 19,16,032/-	06/10/ 2021

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : January 24, 2022
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

NKGSB Bank
NKGSB Co-op. Bank Ltd. (Multi-State Scheduled Bank)

Regd. Office: "Laxmi Sadan", 361, V. P. Road, Girgaum, Mumbai - 400004
Recovery Dept: Bimal Apartment, Ground Floor, H. F. Society Road, Jogeshwari (E),Mumbai - 400060 **Tel No:** (022) 2837 6816, 2834 9616, 28203603; **Email id** - recovery@nkgsb-bank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [Section 13(2)]

WHEREAS,The undersigned, being an **Authorized Officer** of **NKGSB Co-operative Bank Limited** under the **Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Enforcement) Act, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT, 2002)** and in exercise of powers conferred **Under Section 13(12)** read with Rule 8 of the **Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002** issued **Demand Notices** to the following various Borrowers, Mortgagors and Guarantors; calling upon them to pay the amount mentioned in the said notice **within 60 days** from the date of the receipt of the same. The said notice was sent to the borrowers/guarantors through **Registered Post A.D. / Hand-Delivery** at their last known addresses, **but the same could not be served and were returned un-served to the undersigned.** Hence the borrowers/guarantors as mentioned below are by this notice are once again called upon to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names **within 60 days from publication of this notice** failing which, the undersigned shall be constrained to exercise the powers conferred upon him **Under Section 13 of SARFAESI ACT, 2002** against the secured/hypothecated asset mentioned below:-

Sr No	Name of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	N.P.A. Date	Demand Notice Issued Date	Total Amount Due (Mentioned in Demand Notice)
1	**1. MR. BHARATH KUMAR R** (Borrower) **2. MRS. NEETU BHARATH KUMAR** (Co-Borrower) **3. MR. RAJENDRA KUMAR R** (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor) **4. MR. GADDAM ANANDA BHOOPAL** (Guarantor)	21/12/2021	03/01/2022	**Rs. 40,21,916.06** as on 21/12/2021 with further interest and charges, as applicable
	Description of Mortgaged Properties			
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Holder stars as WI thrash Eng in 1st T20I

England's latest batting collapse paved the way for West Indies' nine-wicket win in the first T20 international in Bridgetown on Saturday. Jason Holder twice struck with successive deliveries on his Kensington Oval home ground during a format-best return (4/7) as England were dismissed for 103. West Indies then cruised to a target with 17 balls to spare. Eng 103 in 19.4 ovs (Holder 4/7) **lost to** WI 104/1 in 17.1 ovs (King 52 n.o).

India's Asian Cup campaign effectively ends after Covid outbreak

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

THE All India Football Federation has looked to use tournaments like the ongoing AFC Women's Asian Cup and upcoming FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup to try and take women's football forward. The AIFF president Praful Patel, who is also a FIFA council member, has spoken about how India was planning to bid for the 2027 men's Asian Cup after the successful hosting of the FIFA U-17 men's World Cup in 2017 to demonstrate the strides made by the nation in the sport.

Sunday's events, however, have proved to be a major setback as India's campaign in the ongoing Asian Cup comes to a disappointing end.

India's second Group A game against Chinese Taipei on Sunday had to be called off after the Indian camp saw a major Covid-19 outbreak, and based on the AFC guidelines, their campaign looks all but over. "Following several positive cases of COVID-19, India failed to name the required minimum of 13 players for the Group A match against Chinese Taipei. In accordance with Article 4.1 of the Special Rules Applicable to AFC Competitions during the COVID-19 pandemic (Special Rules), India was therefore unable to participate in the match and the full provisions of Article 4.1 will apply," the AFC said in a statement.

As per Rule 4.1: "If a Participating Team/Participating Club has less than thirteen (13) Participating Players (including one [1] goalkeeper) available for a Match for any reason (whether or not relating to Covid-19), the relevant Participating Team / Participating Club shall not be able to participate in the Match. Such Participating Team / Participating Club shall be held responsible for the Match not taking place and shall be considered to have withdrawn from the relevant Competition."

Sunday's crucial game against Chinese Taipei was called off after Covid-19 outbreak in the Indian camp | AIFF

It is heartbreak for the women's team which had undergone extensive preparations. The competition was expected to provide a major shot in the arm for women's football as India was participating in the competition after a gap of 19 years.

Prior to the host's first match against Iran, two positive cases were reported in the camp but that didn't raise any alarms and the match went on as India played out a goalless draw. Interestingly, there was no intimation that there was an outbreak within the camp until hours before the kick-off against Chinese Taipei. On Saturday, head coach Thomas Dennerby had even spoken about how the team was ready.

On Sunday, the Chinese Taipei team had even warmed up at the venue but the Indian contingent was nowhere in sight.

The question, though, is on how all this unfolded at the eleventh hour with the opposition team turning up for the match alongside the officials. While it is a massive setback for India, the competition is expected to continue.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD

De Kock's ton sinks India in final ODI as tourists leave with more questions than answers

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

THE tour of South Africa, which started with plenty of hope, has turned out into a reality check. After the reversal in Test series, India on Sunday suffered a whitewash in the ODIs, a stark reminder of where the team stands 18 months ahead of the 50-over World Cup. Like it was the case in the first two ODIs, India lost their way in the middle-overs with the middle-order failing to capitalise on the start provided by the top-order. Deepak Chahar made a valiant 54 off just 34 balls in at No 7, but his dismissal with 10 to get changed the tide as Temba Bavuma's side won by four runs in the last over.

To say India have a job in their hands with regards to rebuilding their white-ball cricket will be an understatement. In fact, this series has only highlighted how much they have to dig deep as regular captain Rohit Sharma and head coach Rahul Dravid have plenty to ponder before the series against West Indies commences in Ahmedabad on February 6. For starters, India need to zero-in on their personnel; they are going to build the team for the World Cup. Their batting order is far from settled. It is not clear who their preferred combination for the openers slot with Rohit Sharma being a certainty. In the middle-order, there are multiple options, but again they are far from identifying their No 4 and 5. Ditto with No 6 and 7, two positions expected to be filled by all-rounders if India are serious about six bowling options.

South Africa's Quinton de Kock celebrates after scoring a century on Sunday | AFP

SCOREBOARD

South Africa Innings: De Kock c Dhawan b Bumrah 124, Malan c Pant b Chahar 1, Bavuma (run out) Rahul 8, Markram c (sub) Ruturaj b Chahar 15, Van der Dussen c Iyer b Chahal 52, Miller c Kohli b Prasidh 39, Phehlukwayo (run out) Shreyas/Pant 4, Pretorius c Suryakumar b Prasidh 20, Maharaj c Kohli b Bumrah 6, Magala c Rahul b Prasidh 0, Ngidi (not out) 0; **Extras:** (lb2, w13, nb3) 18; **Total:** (all out in 49.5 overs) **287**; **FoW:** 1/8, 2/34, 3/70, 4/214, 5/218, 6/228, 7/272, 8/282, 9/287; **Bowling:** Chahar 8-0-53-2, Bumrah 10-0-52-2, Krishna 9.5-0-59-3, Jayant 10-0-53-0, Chahal 9-0-47-1, Iyer 3-0-21-0. **India innings:** Rahul c Malan b Ngidi 9, Dhawan c De Kock b Phehlukwayo 61, Kohli c Bavuma b Maharaj 65, Pant c Magala b Phehlukwayo 0, Iyer c Phehlukwayo b Magala 26, Suryakumar c Bavuma b Pretorius 39, Chahar c Pretorius b Ngidi 54, Jayant c Bavuma b Ngidi 2, Bumrah c Bavuma b Phehlukwayo 12, Chahal c Miller b Pretorius 2, Krishna (not out) 2; **Extras:** (lb2, nb2, w7) **11**; **Total:** (all our in 49.2 overs) **283**; **FoW:** 1/18, 2/116, 3/118, 4/156, 5/195, 6/210, 7/223, 8/278, 9/281; **Bowling:** Ngidi 10-0-58-3; Pretorius 9.2-0-54-2, Magala 10-0-69-1, Maharaj 10-0-39-1, Phehlukwayo 7-0-40-3, Markram 3-0-21-0.

This series was supposed to provide a fair picture of the way they are headed. Instead, there were contrasting signals. After talking of the need to have six-bowling options, India used only five in the first ODI before using Venkatesh Iyer in the second match. On Sunday, in Venkatesh's absence, India asked Shreyas Iyer to send down three overs. There are two ways to look at it — India trying their options and other being their desperation to search for a batter who can send in five-six overs in case one of their regulars have an off-day. Similarly, after stand-in captain KL Rahul revealing Shreyas will bat No 4, in all three matches he came in at No 5, a position which seems low for a player who likes to get his eye-in before shifting gears.

These uncertainties have led India into some sort of combination lock. If India are content enough with five-bowling options, with a fit-again Ravindra Jadeja batting at No 7, it will open up one more batting slot. It will not only strengthen their batting, but it should also allow them to fit-in another aggressive player in Ishan Kishan or Suyakumar Yadav or even Prithvi Shaw at the top should Rahul be deemed fit for middle-order.

Similarly, with the ball, India seem to have come to a point where they will have to look beyond Bhunveshwar Kumar. Picking up wickets in the powerplay continues to be an issue with Chahar showing again how much he can offer to this team with the new ball. While the absence of a full-strength squad may have ruined their plans, the series against West Indies should be a fresh start for India.

States urge BCCI to conduct Ranji

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

DAYS after this newspaper reported about the Ranji Trophy being called-off for the second successive season, around eight state units have approached the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) informally asking them to reconsider the decision. While the board is understood to have told them that it will explore the options, it is understood to remain non-committal citing the short window available.

Following the increase in Covid numbers across the country, the BCCI suspended its domestic season on January 4 just a day before the teams were supposed to enter their respective bio-bubble for the Ranji Trophy beginning on January 12. At that time it was informed that the Ranji Trophy will begin after a two-week period. However, with the Covid situation not improving, there has been no update on when the domestic season will resume.

During the office-bearers meeting held last Tuesday, the BCCI decided to resume the rest of the domestic season by February end, provided the situation improves. The BCCI has also found the decision to reopen schools in several states as an encouraging sign, but at the same time, it is facing scheduling issues to slot the Ranji Trophy. For the BCCI to host the Ranji Trophy in its current schedule, it needs 75 days, which is ruled out because with advancement of IPL to March 27, the bubble period, including the initial quarantine days, will begin by the third week of March. If the IPL is shifted overseas, then franchises will start the bubble much earlier, meaning there are only 28 days in February and another 10-15 days in March available for the BCCI to slot the Ranji Trophy.

While that period is not sufficient to host the entire Ranji Trophy, the state units have asked the BCCI to at least explore the option of hosting the group stages. As per BCCI's existing schedule, including the quarantine period to complete the group stages it needs 39 days. So to host the group stages, the BCCI should start the tournament at least in the first week of February after the teams serve the initial eight-day quarantine.

The state units are not hopeful of the Ranji Trophy. Some of the state units that had plans to host a camp have cancelled it with players returning to their respective cities as there is uncertainty all around.

Big win for India Colts

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ANGKRISH Raghuvanshi (144) and Raj Bawa (162 n.o) delivered their A game with both the players scoring a wonderful hudred as India recorded a thumping 326-run win over Uganda to top Group B in the U-19 World Cup on Sunday.

It is by far India's largest margin of victory in the tournament history. Put into bat, the four-time champions posted a mammoth 405/5,after losing a couple of early wickets, largely thanks to the two centurions.

It was the highest total in this edition. With the ball, they bundled out the opposition for 79 in 19.4 overs as Nishant Sindhu took four wickets for just 19 runs.

India will take on Bangladesh in the quarterfinals on January 29.

Brief scores: India U-19 405/5 in 50 ovs (Raj Bawa 162 n.o, Angkrish 144) bt Uganda U-19 79 in 19.4 ovs (Murungi 34; Nishant 4/19).

EXPRESS READ

Carlsen on top

WIJK AAN ZEE: Indian Grandmaster Vidit Santhosh Gujrathi lost his seventh-round game to Jorden Van Foreest while World No 1 Magnus Carlsen got the better of R Praggnanandhaa to claim the lead in the Tata Steel Masters chess tournament here.

Denis the menace for Zverev, faces Nadal next

AFP @Melbourne

GERMANY'S racquet-smashing third seed Alexander Zverev was knocked out of the Australian Open in the fourth round by Canada's 14th seed Denis Shapovalov on Sunday.

Shapovalov downed the Tokyo Olympic champion 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3 in 2hr 21min and will now play 20-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals. It leaves Zverev, 24, still chasing a first Major title. "It was probably the one I least expected to finish in three sets," Shapovalov, 22, said after his gruelling match schedule to get to the round of 16.

"I felt things were going my way early on, lost a bit of momentum in the second set, but fought well to come back and just rolled with it from there."

It will be Shapovalov's first quarterfinal at the Australian Open. Zverev, the 2020 US Open runner-up, never looked at ease against Shapovalov and vented his frustrations when he smashed his racquet in anger after a service break.

Zverev's task became even more difficult when he lost the crucial second-set tiebreak after dropping the opening set. The German served eight double-faults. Shapovalov, who has won only one of his four matches against Nadal, said: "It's always an honour to play someone like Rafa, always going to be a battle, it's going to be tough but I'll definitely enjoy it."

Pumped-up Nadal

Nadal survived an epic 28-minute tiebreak to seal his spot in the quarterfinals and top seed Ashleigh Barty joined him with victory over giant-killer Amanda Anisimova.

Nadal, who is chasing a men's record 21st Grand Slam title, was pushed all the way by Adrian Mannarino in an 81-minute first set before breaking the Frenchman's resolve in a 7-6 (16/14), 6-2, 6-2 victory.

"First set was very emotional," said the 35-year-old Nadal, the 2009 Australian Open champion, who pumped his fists after emerging victorious.

In the women's draw, home hope and World No 1 Barty thrilled the crowd by defeating 60th-ranked Anisimova 6-4, 6-3. The Australian faces another American, Jessica Pegula, in the last eight.

Denis Shapovalov reacts after winning the match on Sunday | AP

Select results (Round 4)

Men: Gael Monfils (FRA x17) bt Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) 7-5, 7-6 (7/4), 6-3; Denis Shapovalov (CAN x14) bt Alexander Zverev (GER x3) 6-3, 7-6 (7/5), 6-3; Rafael Nadal (ESP x6) bt Adrian Mannarino (FRA) 7-6 (16/14), 6-2, 6-2.

Women: Ashleigh Barty (AUS x1) bt Amanda Anisimova (USA) 6-4, 6-3; Jessica Pegula (USA x21) bt Maria Sakkari (GRE x5) 7-6 (7/0), 6-3; Barbora Krejcikova (CZE x4) bt Victoria Azarenka (BLR x24) 6-2, 6-2; Madison Keys (USA) bt Paula Badosa (ESP x8) 6-3, 6-1/

ISL: Bengaluru, Goa share spoils as Chhetri equals goal record

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THINGS were not expected to be easy for Bengaluru FC when they faced FC Goa in the Indian Super League at GMC Athletic Stadium on Sunday. There were a couple of reasons why this encounter would prove to be a challenge. The Blues only started training few days back due to Covid-19 cases in their camp and were in isolation for 10 days, resulting in lack of practice sessions. During the same period, the Gaurs played two matches.

Meanwhile, Sunil Chhetri had a thing or two to prove as he was included in the playing XI after being benched for some matches. He might not have been at his best this season, but the skipper was determined and led his team from the front, scoring an equaliser in their 1-1 draw. It was his 48th goal in the ISL, which is now joint-most with Ferran Corominas as well. In fact, he almost scored a late winner but his shot hit the crossbar. For Goa, Dylan Fox scored in the 41st minute. With this result, Bengaluru lie on eighth place.

Bengaluru started the game on a bright note, with good possession. Goa, on the other hand, suffered an early setback as Glan Martins got injured, forcing the Gaurs into substitution in the 12th minute. Six minutes later, they came close with Devendra Murgaonkar's header, but it was wide. At the other end, Bengaluru's Iman Basafa could have done better. His shot failed to test the goalkeeper.

After the first 30 minutes, Goa began to apply pressure on the Blues defence with some good football. In fact, Bedia should have helped his team take the lead in the 37th minute, but his header was not even on target. However, a few minutes later, Bedia put in a wonderful ball inside the box, which was met by Fox, who headed the ball home.

Bengaluru knew fully well about the importance of scoring an early goal in the second half. It was skipper Chhetri, who shouldered responsibility as he scored a good header in the 61st minute to draw level.

In fact, they got a couple of opportunities to clinch the game, but Roshan Naorem's long range effort was saved by Dheeraj Moirangthem to deny Bengaluru their second of the night. With both teams in search of an equaliser, they made a couple of substitutions. But, it was Bengaluru, who came closest as Chhetri's curling effort hit the crossbar in the 92nd minute to deny Bengaluru three points.

Sindhu clinches Syed Modi title

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THE women's singles final in the Syed Modi International BWF Super300 was a meeting between two shuttlers at opposite ends of a spectrum. Established star PV Sindhu versus Malvika Bansod, a 20-year-old who's touted to shine in the future.

Malvika was perhaps playing the biggest match of her career. Sindhu, on the other hand, was playing her nth match in Lucknow. The odds were heavily in favour of Sindhu and the 26-year-old expectedly bossed the contest to take the top prize, also ending her two-year title drought in the process.

World No 7 Sindhu barely broke a sweat on Sunday, defeating Bansod 21-13, 21-16 in just 35 minutes. The last time the double Olympic medallist had lifted a title on the BWF circuit was during her historic 2019 World Championships campaign in Glasgow.

This was also Sindhu's second Syed Modi International title after 2017. After failing to live up to standards during the recently-held Yonex-Sunrise India Open, this is a just what she needed ahead of a big events this season. "Overall, it has been a good week, good matches, so I am happy with the win," Sindhu said.

Covid claims men's final

The men's singles final was declared as a 'No Match' after one of the finalists tested positive for Covid-19. The all-French clash was scheduled between Arnaud Merkle and Lucas Claerbout.

Winners

Women's singles: PV Sindhu (IND)
Women's doubles: Anna Cheong Ching Yik/Mei Xing Teoh (MAS)
Men's doubles: Man Wei Chong/Tee Kai Wun (MAS)
Mixed: Ishaan Bhatnagar/Tanisha Crasto (IND)

ACID TEST

Top-order stability, partnerships key for WC: Mithali

GOMESH S @Chennai

A couple of days ago Australia women's team dropped Ellyse Perry, their senior all-rounder and ICC Player of the decade, for the first T20I against England. The longstanding issue has been Perry's strike rate in the shortest format and whether they will drop a player of her stature. But, they did.

Closer home, India skipper Mithali Raj's strike rate in ODIs has been up for discussion through the course of 2021. Although she averaged over 60 last year, her strike rate was 66.71. However, it is hard to argue that India could take Australia's route at this point in time as the fact of the matter is that Mithali is the only Indian to score over 500 runs last year.

Which is why, the 39-year-old wasn't far off when she said that the top-order should shoulder more responsibility. "It's vital that the top order, one of them, takes the responsibility of playing through the innings and there has to be a partnership or two of 50... that way we would be able to score 250-270," said Mithali during the pre-departure press conference on Sunday.

When asked about the dot ball percentage, and their middle over run rate in Australia, Mithali responded, "I think too much importance isn't given to strike rate by you all?," before adding, "because it is always spoken when it comes to batting or putting up big totals. I just wanted to know if you all only follow the strike rates of the India players or the players from the other teams, because if you might give me an opportunity to enlighten, the Australia series itself, the game that Australia won, the decider (the second ODI), if you've seen Beth Mooney, who scored her 50 in 80-odd balls, but she went on to play a match-winning innings for the team."

India skipper Mithali Raj

She went on to say that cricket is a game played on situations. "So yes, when we have to score 250-270, we need to have a healthy strike rate, but having said that, we will not only entirely focus on strike rate. Sometimes you have to play fast, but sometimes you have to play to get your team out of the hole too."

And more often than not, the latter has been the case for India in the last 12 months. In eight out of ten innings she batted last year, Mithali had to walk in within first 16 overs, thrice in the first ten. And for the better part of the England and Australia series, vice-captain Harmanpreet Kaur was out due to injury. However, with a fully fit in-form Kaur back in the team and the promise shown by Yastika Bhatia, one would be hoping that Mithali will be able to score more proactively in New Zealand.

As far Kaur's poor run in ODIs, head coach Ramesh Powar said the star all-rounder — who was the difference between India and Australia in the 2017 World Cup semifinal — was the player of the tournament in the Women's Big Bash League, adding, "so, currently she's in good form and it's up to her to capitalise those good days into best days in the World Cup."

India will play five ODIs and one T20I against New Zealand in February before starting their World Cup campaign against Pakistan on March 6.

Scientists have discovered an underground ocean buried beneath the surface of the Death Star-like moon of Saturn, paving the way for a new class of "stealth" ocean worlds with possible signs of life

NASA scientists are studying the explosion of the submarine volcano Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai to understand how features are formed on the surfaces of Mars and Venus, *Nature* reported

EXFILE • TECHNOLOGY

WHEN 18-WHEEL TRUCKS GO DRIVERLESS

If you thought that self-driving cars were surrealistic, then meet these giant 18-wheel transport trucks that barrel down a multi-lane Texas highway. These driverless giants are being tested in this vast southern US state, which has become the epicentre of a rapidly developing self-driving vehicle industry. A look at the tech in Texas

TECH BEHIND THE WHEELS

Self-driving lorries are operated using radars, laser scanners, cameras and GPS antennas that communicate with piloting software

MEET THE DEVELOPERS

Waymo, the self-driving unit at Google's parent company Alphabet, is building a logistics center in Dallas that will accommodate hundreds of autonomous semi-trailers

And it is by far not alone. Embark, a self-driving technology startup, operates an autonomous trucking lane between Houston and San Antonio

Also, Aurora, co-founded by a former Waymo employee, will open three terminals and a new 1,000 kilometres route in Texas this year

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY

The competition is so fierce in the autonomous trucking industry that none of the three companies were ready to show AFP one of its vehicles

TEXAS BY CHANCE?

No, not at all. There are five golden reasons

1. The state has the largest number of truck drivers and many qualified engineers
2. Texas has a sunny climate that works just great for the trucks' sensors
3. The neighboring Mexico exports 85% of its goods to Texas by road
4. Houston and Dallas are major freight hubs, and Texas's sprawling distances are ideal for long-haul transport
5. But most of all, local legislation is friendly toward driverless vehicles

WHAT MAKES IT CLICK?

With the United States so vast and trucking such a vital part of its economy, companies see self-driving as a way to cut costs and reduce risk.

Unlike human drivers, autonomous vehicles don't get tired and don't require mandatory breaks

JOBS AT RISK

Self-driving trucks will be crucial in combating the current shortage of long-haul truck drivers in the US, some of whom are unwilling to be away from their families for weeks at a time

Alex Rodrigues, CEO and co-founder of Embark Technology, however tries to portray a balanced picture. He says that the self-driving truck industry will create "attractive" jobs for local drivers, who will take over the autonomous trucks at transfer points and drive them to their final destinations

1/3RD THE TIME

While it will take a person three days to drive a truck from Los Angeles to Dallas, a self-driving big rig will complete the journey in 24 hours, estimates Aurora

THE LAW THAT MATTERS

In 2018, Texas passed a law that essentially gave autonomous cars the same status as conventional vehicles

A handout image released by Aurora Technologies | AFP

Half the cost

The per-mile cost would drop from $1.76 to $0.96 if the truck drives itself, according to Embark

2,94,000 trucking jobs threatened

According to a 2018 study conducted by Steve Viscelli, a sociologist at the University of California, 2,94,000 trucking jobs would be threatened by the industry's automation

Driver talks

While drivers are apprehensive about the new tech, they might not be too eager for the long-haul journeys

Beijing to test all 2 million in a Covid cluster

Southern part of the city identified as the epicentre; Fengtai is about 20 kilometres from Winter Olympics venue

COVID

BEIJING: City officials on Sunday said all two million residents of a neighbourhood where a small cluster of coronavirus cases was detected will be tested, less than two weeks before the start of the Winter Olympics.

China's cases constitute a tiny fraction of the massive surge in countries around the globe, with the highly contagious Omicron variant driving a fresh spike in infections.

Still, multiple small outbreaks around China—including in Beijing—have tested its strict "zero Covid" policy, which authorities have pursued even as the rest of the world has gradually reopened.

Local authorities have identified Fengtai district in southern Beijing as the epicentre of a cluster, with the number of cases in the capital totalling 43.

All two million of the area's residents will be tested for the virus, officials said, and people from high-risk areas are banned from leaving the city.

"We must make every effort to stop the spread as quickly as possible by taking firm, strict and decisive measures," Xu Hejian, spokesman for the Beijing municipal government, said at a briefing.

Fengtai is about 20 kilometres from the Winter Olympics freestyle skiing and snowboarding venue.

In an effort to thwart the virus, China is sealing the Olympics inside a tightly controlled bubble cocooning thousands of people and stretching nearly 200 kilometres.

Olympic organisers said Sunday that 72 people who have arrived inside the bubble since it opened earlier this month have tested positive.

Thirty-nine tested positive on arrival at the airport and 33 within the closed loop. Those who test positive must isolate in their rooms until they return a negative test.

Vax passport protests draw thousands in Europe

Thousands of people gathered in European capitals on Saturday to protest vaccine passports and other requirements governments have imposed in hopes of ending the pandemic. Demonstrations took place in Athens, Helsinki, London, Paris and Stockholm. Marches in Paris drew hundreds of demonstrators protesting the introduction from Monday of a new Covid-19 pass. It will severely restrict the lives of those who refuse to get vaccinated by banning them from domestic flights, sports events, bars, cinemas and other leisure venues

Russian daily cases break records for the 3rd time

COVID

MOSCOW: Russia reported a new daily high of Covid-19 cases on Sunday, breaking its record for the third day running as the contagious Omicron variants spurs surging infections. The country registered 63,205 cases over 24 hours, beating previous records of 57,212 on Saturday.

Moscow, the epicentre of Russia's outbreak, posted a new record for the fourth day in a row with 17,528 infections. Despite four vaccines being available for months, Russians remain reluctant to get jabbed.

Peru declares ecological emergency after oil spill

ENVIRONMENT

LIMA: Peru declared an environmental emergency on Saturday to battle an oil spill caused by huge waves from a volcanic eruption in Tonga in the South Pacific.

The stunningly powerful eruption on last Saturday of an undersea volcano near Tonga unleashed tsunami waves around the Pacific and as far away as the United States.

In Peru, the oil spill near Lima has fouled beaches, killed birds and harmed the fishing and tourism industries.

With its 90-day decree, the government said it plans "sustainable management" of 21 beaches tarred by 6,000 barrels of oil that spilled from a tanker ship unloading at a refinery last Saturday.

One aim of the decree is to better organise the various agencies and teams working in the aftermath of the disaster, said the environment ministry. Foreign Trade and Tourism Minister Roberto Sanchez estimated on Saturday that economic losses total more than $50 million, all sectors combined. The government is demanding payment of damages from the Spanish energy giant Repsol which owns the refinery.

The environment ministry said 174 hectares—equivalent to 270 football fields—of sea, beaches and natural reserves were affected by the spill. Crews have been working for days to clean up the spill. But the ministry said it issued the emergency decree because the crude still in the water was still spreading.

Body cams with facial recognition

TECHNOLOGY

KFAR ADUMIM: Twenty years after he planned the controversial barrier between Israel and Palestinians, Dany Tirza is developing a security tool that requires no cement: body cameras with facial recognition technology.

Tirza, a former Israeli army colonel, says his company Yozmot Ltd aims to produce a body-worn camera enabling police to scan crowds and detect suspects in real time, even if their faces are obscured.

Facial recognition in law enforcement has sparked global criticism, with US tech giants backing away from providing the technology to police, citing privacy risks. Proponents including Tirza, however, tout its ability to track down criminals or missing persons.

"The policeman will know who he is facing," he said.

He also partnered with Tel Aviv-based Corsight AI to develop a body-worn police camera that could instantly identify people in a crowd, even if they wear masks, make-up or camouflage, and could match them to photographs dating back decades. Corsight CEO Rob Watts did not confirm the collaboration but said his company was working with some 230 "integrators" worldwide who incorporated facial recognition software into cameras.

The technology allows clients to build databases, whether of company employees allowed into a building, ticket holders permitted into a stadium, or suspects wanted by the police, Watts said.

He said Australian and British police were already piloting the technology.

The facial recognition industry was worth about $3.7 billion in 2020, according to market research firm Mordor Intelligence, which projected growth to $11.6 billion by 2026.

Facebook, Microsoft, Amazon and IBM have all declared temporary or permanent freezes on selling facial recognition programmes to law enforcement. France last month ordered the US-based Clearview AI to delete data on its citizens, saying the company violated privacy when it built a facial recognition database using images "scraped" from the internet. "What we want to do is promote facial recognition as a force for good," he said.

SNOW CLAD

Tourists at the snow-covered Ridge in Shimla on Sunday. The Ridge, which is close to the famous Mall Road, has a hassle-free atmosphere, lush vegetation and is a mix of traditional and colonial architecture | PTI

Turtles die in suspected poisoning

ECOLOGY

MUMBAI: Deliberate poisoning is likely to blame for the death of dozens of turtles at a lake near Mumbai, said Indian wildlife experts on Sunday.

Conservation workers were alerted to the incident after a local politician asked them to investigate a foul smell around the body of water in Kalyan, about 50 kilometres east of India's entertainment capital.

Suhas Pawar of the Wild Animal and Reptile Rescue conservation group said 57 Indian flapshell turtles had been killed while another six were rescued. He told *AFP* that locals likely killed the reptiles to stop them from eating fish they were illegally breeding in the lake.

"Everything is being investigated now, a post-mortem and scientific analysis will reveal the exact cause of these deaths," Pawar said.

He added that Covid-19 restrictions over the past two years had likely led to a surge in the local turtle population.

"Restrictions on human activity likely increased the fish stocks at the lake and these turtles were now growing in numbers by feeding on them, which angered some locals," Pawar said. Indian flapshell turtles are not particularly rare but are a protected species under the Wildlife Protection Act.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Just one in 77 pet hamsters positive

HEALTH

Hong Kong authorities said on Sunday that just one of 77 hamsters handed in by pet owners for a Covid cull has tested positive, as thousands of city residents remain under lockdown to combat an outbreak. The financial services hub adheres to mainland China's strict "zero-Covid" policy under which even the slightest sign of the virus is stamped out with contact tracing, targeted lockdowns and quarantines. More than 2,000 hamsters have been culled after some imported from the Netherlands by a local pet shop were found to be Covid-positive, raising fears of animal-to-human transmission. The risk of transmission from animals "remains low", the World Health Organization has said, but is a possibility.

One lab monkey on the loose

MEDICINE

The crash in Pennsylvania of a truck transporting 100 monkeys to a laboratory allowed four of them to escape, triggering a search by police who warned the public not to approach the animals. The vehicle collided with a dump truck near Danville, Pennsylvania on Friday afternoon, en route to a laboratory in Florida. Police said that four monkeys had "fled the crash scene into the surrounding area." Three were later captured, but one was still on the loose on Saturday morning. A local news site said a police helicopter with thermal cameras was used to track down the cynomolgus monkeys. Pennsylvania State Police released an image of one primate perched in a tree during the freezing night.

HEATING OR EATING

As inflation hits 30-year high, Britons struggle with food and energy price rise

ECONOMY

COLCHESTER (UK): Nestled amid superstores at a retail park, the Colchester Foodbank in eastern England last year gave out a total of 165 tonnes of food—enough to feed 17,000 people. But that could be surpassed this year, as British annual inflation hits a 30-year high of 5.4% in December, as real wages fall, and food and energy costs rise.

"We think we're likely to feed 20,000 people in 2022," said foodbank manager Mike Beckett. "If there is a slowdown, and things get worse, it might be as many as 25,000 people.

"That is certainly a bit of a nightmare. Our worst case scenario is maybe 30,000 people."

About 95% of the produce at the foodbank, run by the Trussell Trust charity, comes from members of the public donating at collection points. But the current economic climate has forced many who wouldn't need food parcels to seek help.

"I normally put something in the foodbank trolley but now it's my turn to have some help," said Heidi, 45, who said she was struggling with price rises on "just everything". "I'm struggling big time, basically. Bills have got really high, that's why I'm here," she said. Like many in Britain, this winter she will have to make the tough choice between "heating or eating".

"My electricity is going up. I'm putting in probably about £80 (110 dollars) a month now, as opposed to 40 or 50 last year," she said.

The Trust says the number of people receiving three days worth of emergency food from its centres across Britain has risen from some 26,000 in 2009 to over 2.5 million in 2021.

Donated products at a food bank (left); volunteer prepares a food parcel (right) | AFP

British food writer and anti-poverty campaigner Jack Monroe noted after the latest inflation rise this week that the actual cost of many food staples has gone up by much more. The cheapest pasta at her local supermarket a year ago cost £0.29 for 500 grams while today it is £0.70—a hike of 141%. The cheapest rice was £0.45 for one kilogram but now costs £1.00 for 500g.

"That's a 344% price increase as it hits the poorest and most vulnerable households," she wrote in a viral Twitter thread read by millions.

"The system by which we measure the impact of inflation is fundamentally flawed—it completely ignores the reality and the REAL price rises for people on minimum wages, zero hour contracts, food bank clients, and millions more."

Beckett agrees that "however you measure inflation doesn't really account for the cheap food going up, and it's going up by hundreds of percent."

Low-income families are under extra pressure after the government returned welfare benefit payments to pre-pandemic levels, having increased them temporarily during lockdowns.

Beckett says that in 2020—"a bumper year"—42% of the food bank's clients were children.

"People come and report that it's taken them 20 minutes or an hour in their car to get up the courage to come in," he said.

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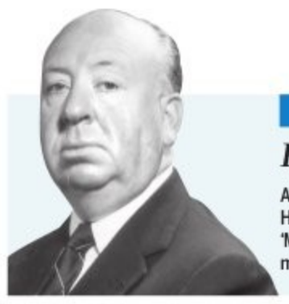

DAY'S DIARY

First release

Award-winning director Alfred Hitchcock, who was known as the 'Master of Suspense', released his first movie *The Pleasure Garden* in 1927

ABOUT THE MOVIE

The film is about chorus girl Patsy Brand and down-on-her-luck Jill Cheyne and the different fates that await them in their relationships

AWARDS GALORE

Hitchcock collected many professional accolades, including five lifetime achievement awards, a knighthood, and an Oscar for his first American movie *Rebecca*

DEATH

In 1980, Hitchcock died of renal failure in his home in Bel Air, California, and his ashes were scattered over the Pacific ocean

Nikhil to play titular role in Yaduveera

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Artistes Shefali and Vipul Shah, who are collaborating after 17 years for an OTT show, *Human*, get candid about the show with *CE*

CLASS ACT

MONIKA MONALISA

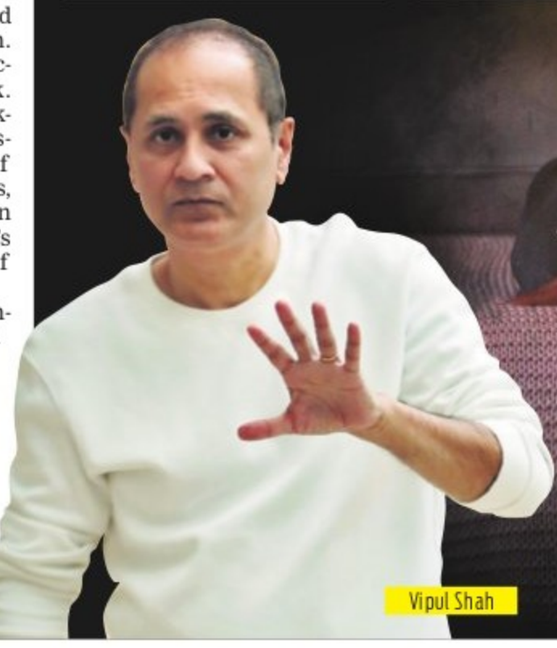
HOW does a critically-acclaimed actor like Shefali Shah prepare for a role? With her latest series, *Human*, on Disney+ Hotstar, which is based on a medical scam, she has just established the fact that she can take on any character and pull it off with elan. Shefali, who was supposed to come to Bengaluru for the launch of her restaurant, says the character she plays, Gauri Nath, was not an easy one to portray on screen. "There was no instruction booklet that came with Gauri. There have been times when the camera rolls and I surprise myself. Her character reminds me of a lioness. And the way I played her was very different," says Shefali, adding, "As an actor, there are some characters you identify with. For example, my voice, the way I talk, all of that has changed to create a new person. When I took up the character, I knew it was a risk. But it was one worth taking." To which her husband and the producer of the show, Vipul Shah adds, "The character of Gauri in the series is Lady Diana's body with a mind of a joker."

The show has been gathering a lot of attention owing to Shefali's on-screen liplock with her co-star Kriti Kulhari. Based on a serious subject like a medical scam, there was a lot of debate on the title of the series. "When we started writing the show, there were many titles being discussed. Although it is not commercial enough, we thought this would intrigue people. I am glad about the creative decision," says Vipul.

The series is also special because it marks the couple's collaboration after 17 years. The last time was in the movie *Waqt: Race Against Time*, starring Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar and Priyanka Chopra, in 2005. Ask the actor what convinced her this time, and she says, "Vipul didn't have to convince me at all, he just had to give me the script. I finished reading it in one night and found it very interesting. I immediately said I would be on board," says Shefali.

Irrespective of the industry, it is always popular opinion that working with one's spouse is tricky. But the Shah couple has a trick or two down their sleeves to make it work smoothly. "The trick is to respect the other person as a professional," says Shefali, who had a great run on OTT platforms with releases like *Delhi Crime* and *Ajeeb Daastaans* on Netflix.

Having seen how all the three industries – television, cinema and OTT– work, the couple is happy at the way OTT platforms are turning out to be a game changer. "In India, the success of a daily soap depends on its run. However, with OTT shows, there's that creative space and sometimes it turns out better than a movie," Vipul says.



Vipul Shah

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>
> Shefali Shah, actor

With the lifting of night curfew, the weekend saw some brisk business, a welcome relief for restaurateurs and store owners who cheered the move

Talking business

ANILA KURIAN

ON Friday, the Karnataka government announced that the weekend curfew had been lifted. This meant that places could stay open till 10 pm. Restaurateurs and store owners were the most thrilled by this news as footfall is highest during weekends.

Ranveer Sabhani, business head – south, Impresario Handmade Restaurants, says there's been at least a 40 per cent hike in walk-ins and business this weekend. "The last two weeks of the weekend curfew were tough because we are still recovering from the loss of business since the pandemic hit. While takeaways were allowed, this cannot be our only source of income. Sentiments of people are low and business is also down, all of this has been a cause of concern," he says, adding that the Bengaluru market has been comparatively better than Delhi and Mumbai. "While we are in the third wave, people are more comfortable venturing out and that's obviously good for the business. We are hoping it will only get better in the coming week," says Sabhani.

Deepti Kat, partner at Bhola & Blonde Bangalore, is definitely cheering the lifting of weekend curfew. "We've had a good crowd coming in on weekdays but this weekend has been good as well. The vibe was lively during the late evenings and the energy, positive," she explains, adding that the F & B industry is a barometer to judge the energy level of the city. "It's encouraging to see our city getting back its mojo after a dull start to the year," she adds.

Partner at Byg Brewski and Bobs Bar, Ajay Gowda, points out that the hospitality industry doesn't have much cash to burn anymore.

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He explains, "For the last two years, we've been struggling to make up for the losses. This was pretty much the last leg where many of us didn't know what to do when pay-day came. So, this move is a fantastic relief." He adds that he saw a 50 to 60 per cent increase in customers this weekend compared to the weekdays. "We make most of our revenue during the weekend and no matter how much we try, it cannot be made up with just the weekday business," says Gowda.

Meanwhile, stores in the city have worked around the curfew. For instance, Mysore Saree Udyog on Commercial Street, changed their week day timings to suit both the night curfew as well as the weekend curfew. "We've been opening at 6.30 am every day and closing by 8.30 pm. This gives people enough time to shop throughout the day," says Sanjay Singh, manager of the store, amidst a busy Sunday.

Customers dining at Bhola & Blonde during the weekend

Almond Love

Actor **Priyanka Upendra** has come up with an interesting New Year resolution. Taking to social media, the actor expressed her love for almonds and explained why they are important for her fitness goals. "A new year signifies a fresh start for me and it's a time when I re-evaluate my goals and life choices. While reading more and being regular with my exercise routine are on my list, I have added one more goal which is to eat a handful of almonds daily (sic)," wrote Upendra. Agree!

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GRUB HUB

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary hamper worth ₹1,500 from Foodhall**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1. Besan wada or jhunka 2. Naati Capsicum 3. Gurellu Chutney Podi

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Shruthi Honavar 2. Devyani Krishna 3. Ishanth V

***Conditions apply**

CITY READ

Soap manufacturing body donates to CM Relief Fund

Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL), a Government of Karnataka Undertaking, has contributed ` 3 crore to the 'Chief Minister Relief Fund'. The amount was handed over to Basavaraj Bommai, chief minister of Karnataka, in the presence of Murugesh R Nirani, minister for large and medium industries, Madal K Virupakshappa, chairman, KSDL, among others.

School bags award for robotics solution

Orchids- The International School, recently won the Education Innovation Award 2022, organised by Entrepreneur India, under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. They received the award for the best robotics solution (for learning, education). The event was organised virtually and brought together thought leaders of the ed-tech vertical. While receiving the award, Naresh Ramamurthy, head - academic products, of the school said, "We believe that robotics as a segment has huge potential in today's world and the demand for this subject has gained momentum even before the pandemic hit us. Its inclusion in the curriculum helps in the development of student's cognitive skills."

To celebrate the landscape of the rural parts of Tamil Nadu and Goa, KYNKYNY, an art gallery is holding a virtual exhibition called Stories of the Land

Life on canvas

EXPRESS FEATURES

THERE is the fast-paced life of a city and there is the innocence to the slow living of rural India. This online exhibition, Stories of the Land, at KYNKYNY, an art gallery is dedicated to the beauty of the coastal part of the country, especially Goa and Tamil Nadu, and celebrates the sublime sights, sounds and landscapes of rural India.

Stories of the Land features two prominent and well-loved contemporary artists, Mohan Naik and Siva Balan, whose expressive artworks are an ode to the lesser-seen and known rural coastal worlds of Goa and Tamil Nadu. The exhibition documents and celebrates the natural beauty as well as the culture, traditions and everyday sights in the region's villages and towns.

Born and raised in the temple town of Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, Balan can easily hand pick his inspirations to take up art. "I was also inspired by my mother's rangoli (kolam). She uses a lot of geometrical shapes with contrasting colours. It's almost like textile designs, it's different every day and I always found my mother's to stand out among the others on the street. At times I am surprised to see similar colour patterns and designs come out in my paintings," says Balan.

An artwork by Siva Balan

During his initial days he started off portraying things that he saw on the way to his school and college. "Over the period, unknowingly I took a liking to the nuances of individuals and their environments. Then I moved away from landscapes and focused on their emotions. It became my style of work," says Balan, adding that this is the reason one doesn't see too many landscapes in his drawings.

On the other hand, Naik's works draw inspiration from his immediate surroundings like fisher folk and farmers in their everyday settings. Born into a family of farmers himself, the artist, who hails from the secluded part of South Goa, draws inspiration from his immediate surroundings. "I have always been fascinated with the village lifestyle and always wanted to depict that on my canvas," says Naik, whose style is inspired by some prominent Indian artists like Amrita Sher-Gil, B Prabha to name a few. Naik's depiction of Goa is a far cry from the bustling tourist spot that the place is generally associated with.

Even though both the artists come from different parts of the country, their work compiles the rich culture, traditions and everyday sights in their region's villages.

Stories of the Land can be viewed on the KYNKYNY Art Gallery website till January 31.

COMEDY UNPLUGGED

Bengaluru is back with live comedy shows and this time with food and drinks. A Friday Comedy night is taking place at The Balcony Bar, Indiranagar. Plan your time and check it out.
When: Feb 4, 9 pm
Details: bookmyshow.com

EXPLORE THE CITY

The garden city has various activities and places to explore. Guru Walks brings to you a walk in the city and explores the hidden gems. The walks are organised throughout the week from 10 am at Cafe Coffee Day, Vittal Mallya Road.
Details: guruwalk.com

GEOMETRICAL ART

The Rooftop is organising a mosaic mandala online workshop. Learn mandala in mosaic background and other mandala patterns.
When: Jan 27
Details: bookmyshow.com

SWIRL THOSE LETTERS

Fancy writing in creative letters? Hobby Station is bringing an online brush pen calligraphy for adults. Learn creative techniques of hand lettering and gain a new skill.
When: Jan 30
Details: bookmyshow.com

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Pamper your skin

A healthy skin is hard to achieve when there's so much pollution and hectic schedules. Check out this skincare masterclass that will teach you the nitty-gritty of skin and everything related to skin care.
When: Ongoing
Details: bookmyshow.com

Go Digital

Want to learn a new skill? Learn about Digital Marketing and Communication offered by UpGrad. Brush your skills up or learn from scratch.
When: Jan 31 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Caffeine art

What's better than drinking coffee? Making a painting with one. Hobbystation is organsing a coffee painting for kids on zoom. Learn different techniques of coffee art. **When:** Till Jan 29
Details: bookmyshow.com

Strings Unplugged

The art of learning the guitar is made easy with an online beginner guitar masterclass. The event is held on Zoom where you learn from scratch.
When: Till Jan 31
Details: bookmyshow.com

Art of plays

Head to Ranga Shankara to watch the Kannada play '*Kanta Mattu Kanta*' featuring talented theater artists Sihikahi Chandru and Mukhyamantri Chandru.
When: Jan 26
Details: bookmyshow.com

Design with stitches

For all you handmade embroidery lovers, The Rooftop is bringing an online Akoybi Embroidery Workshop. Keep the materials required before getting onto zoom.
When: Jan 28, 3pm **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

ONION PARATHA

INGREDIENTS

■ **Chopped onion and green chillies:** 100 g ■ **Coriander leaves:** 1/2 cup ■ **Cumin seeds:** 1 tsp ■ **Garam masala:** 1 tsp ■ **Wheat dough** ■ **Salt**

METHOD

■ Heat oil in a pan, add finely chopped onions, chillies, coriander, cumin seeds, garam masala, salt and saute it well. Keep it aside. Now make small rounds of the dough. Once you make a roti, stuff it with the onion masala mix. Bring the corners together and make it into a pattie carefully.

■ Roll the stuffed paratha and heat it on a tava with oil. Cook it until golden brown spots appear. Serve it with raita or pickle.

— Kanchan Mewara, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

SURAHI MUDRA

(GESTURE OF MEMORY)

Surahi Mudra is considered particularly useful for beginners, since it is very simple to perform and hold. It is a relatively simple yoga mudra or hand position. It is thought to help channel the Pranic energy through the body in particular ways. Yoga postures can range from simple to complex hand gestures. This mudra is said to have a number of physical benefits, including helping to ease rheumatic inflammation, improve respiratory conditions and cure colds. On a mental level, it is also believed to sharpen the intellect. The practitioner can meditate and focus their awareness on their breath and their hands as they practise it. Working with mudras during your meditation practice can help you amplify your intention, gain clarity, and release blockages with ease. You can incorporate these with pranayama techniques that work to extend the breath as well as the life force energy, or prana within you.

STEPS

- Choose a calm place and sit comfortably in the Padmasana (Lotus Pose) or any other posture that is more convenient for you, like Sukhasana or Siddhasana or Swastikasana or Vajrasana.
- Keep your spine straight.
- Inhale and exhale slowly through the nose.
- Bring both hands up slowly, bending the elbows slightly.
- Touch the ring finger of each hand with the tip of the little finger of the inverted hand.
- Make sure that your palms are in opposite directions.
- Like other mudras, you can close your eyes during the performance of this mudra, too.
- You can hold this pose for some time. You can also take breaks in between when you feel like, which is necessary.

BENEFITS

- This mudra is said to sharpen the intellect.
- It is also considered effective against cold and respiratory diseases.
- This mudra is more helpful to increase rheumatic diseases.
- Brings peace to the mind and keeps it focused and sharpened.
- Regular practice of this mudra awakens intuition in a person.

LIMITATIONS

- It can be held for as long as is desired, and there are no contraindications or precautions for this mudra.
- Traditionally performed in lotus pose, but it can be performed in any comfortable seated posture.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

RARE LIVES

This podcast focuses on the status of rare conditions in India, which has been talked about very little in our society. It is a one-of-its-kind attempt in the country to document the gamut of challenges and achievements of people with rare conditions and will open a constructive dialogue on what can be done.
● On Suno India

HOW TO START A BUDGET

Whether you're paying down credit cards or saving for daily necessities, the best place to start is with a budget. Some simple tools can help.
● On Spotify

THE STORIES OF MAHABHARATA

From the birth of the Kuru princes, their fights with the Kauravas, Draupadi's marriage, game of dice to the 18-day war at Kurukshetra, this podcast is a serialised story-telling of the epic The Mahabharata — part of the mythology of ancient India.
● On Apple Podcasts

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

This show is on all things LGBTQIA+. Here we catch things missed by the mainstream, like queer history, loopholes in the law and everyday lives. This series is made by, of and for queer people, because representation matters. Tune in to stories never heard before
● On Suno India

THE MYTHPAT PODCAST

In India's first timepass podcast, Mythpat and his creator and gamer friends talk about the Internet culture, gaming and lots of random, fun stuff.
● On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RAVI SHASTRY

Ravishastri, a barber's son, pretends to be a Brahmin to secure a livelihood. His wedding to Bhanu, the Brahmin community head's daughter, is stalled when his bluff is called.
● Cast: V Ravichandran, Anant Nag, Sneha, Umashree

MAYABAZAR 2016

Three men, a policeman, a con man and a hopeless romantic, cross paths and realize they are all after the same thing, money. They hatch a plan to pull off a scam but things go awry.
Cast: Raj B Shetty, Vasishta N Simha, Achyuth Kumar, Prakash Raj

DK

DK, a street smart man, and Subbalakshmi, a politician's daughter, are rivals who have never lost a bet in their lives. But soon their enmity turns into romance.
● Cast: Chaitra Chandranath, Prem, Sharath Lohitashwa, Rishikumar Swamy

KILLING VEERAPPAN

After a series of unabashed crimes and murders, a master strategist sets up a network of spies and informers to capture Veerappan, a dreaded bandit.
● Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Sandeep Bharadwaj, Parul Yadav, Yagna Shetty

DANA KAYONU

Docomo, a cowherd, loves Jummi, the village beauty, as well as his loyal bull. However, his life changes when a multinational company offers him a huge fortune in return for his animal.
● Cast: Duniya Vijay, Priyamani, Suchendra Prasad, Vijanath Biradar

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 LET'S SIMPLIFY LEGAL JARGON! BY ALAN SIEGEL

Tax forms, credit agreements, healthcare legislation: They're crammed with gobbledygook, says Alan Siegel, and incomprehensibly long. Siegel, a branding expert and one of the leading authorities on business communication calls for a simple, sensible redesign — and plain English — to make legal paperwork intelligible to the rest of us.

2 HOW TO DESIGN GENDER BIAS OUT OF YOUR WORKPLACE BY SARA SANFORD

Equity expert Sara Sanford offers a certified playbook that helps companies go beyond good intentions, using a data-driven standard to actively counter unconscious bias and foster gender equity — by changing how workplaces operate, not just how people think.

3 HOW MEGACITIES ARE CHANGING THE MAP OF THE WORLD BY PARAG KHANNA

Our expanding cities grow ever more connected through transportation, energy and communications networks. This emerging global network civilization holds the promise of reducing pollution and inequality — and even overcoming geopolitical rivalries. In this talk, Khanna asks us to embrace a new maxim for the future: "Connectivity is destiny."

4 3 STEPS TO GETTING WHAT YOU WANT IN A NEGOTIATION BY RUCHI SINHA

It's not about dominating, says organisational psychologist Ruchi Sinha, when it comes to negotiation at work. It's about crafting a relationship, understanding your needs and the other person's. Her three key steps will help you master this essential skill.

5 HOW YOUR BRAIN INVENTS YOUR "SELF" BY ANIL SETH

Who are you, really? Neuroscientist Anil Seth lays out his fascinating new theory of consciousness and self, centred on the notion that we "predict" the world into existence. From sleep to memory and everything in between, Seth explores the reality we experience in our brains — versus the world as it objectively might be.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

JAGAME THANDHIRAM (Tamil)

Suruli, a kind-hearted gangster, goes to London and gets embroiled in several criminal activities. However, the stakes get higher when he falls in love with a beautiful singer named Attila.
Cast: Aishwarya Lekshmi, Dhanush, James Cosmo, Joju George
● Watch on: Netflix

SULTAN (Tamil)

Sulthan, a motherless child, is raised by a group of criminals working for his father. However, when his father dies, he decides to reform the group into better people.
Cast: Rashmika Mandanna, Karthi, Giant Zanjeer, Ramachandra Raju,
● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

BHRAMAM (Malayalam)

Ray, an ace pianist and a pretentious blind man, accidentally gets thrown into a famous yesteryear celebrity's murder, which turns his life upside down.
Cast: Prithviraj Sukumaran, Unni Mukundan, Mamta Mohandass
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#HOME (Malayalam)

#Home is about the humble, technology-challenged Oliver Twist, who struggles to keep his closeness with his sons and communicate as they grow up and become active on social media.
Cast: Indrans, Sreenath Bhasi, Vijay Babu
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

KHAKEE (Hindi)

Based on true events from the Operation Bawaria case, which involved the nefarious activity of dacoits and its eventual containment by Tamil Nadu police. DSP Dheeraj is an honest police officer who finds himself getting transferred again and again due to his sincerity. When he's handed a case that involves brutal dacoit killings, it changes his life.
Cast: Rohit Pathak, Rakul Preet, Narra Srinivas
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CHEHRE (Hindi)

An ad agency executive takes shelter at an old man's home in the mountains amid a dangerous snow storm, but soon finds himself trapped with no way out when the man and his clan of veterans hook him up for a game of crime and punishment.
Cast : Emraan Hashmi, Krystle D'Souza, Amitabh Bachchan, Rhea Chakraborty
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

DOCTOR (Tamil)

A military doctor embarks on a journey to track down his former fiance's kidnapped niece. His mission then leads him to the heart of a human trafficking ring in Goa.
Cast: Sivakarthikeyan, Priyanka Mohan, Redin Kingsley, Vinay Rai
● Watch on: Netflix

FOREIGN

WADJDA (Arabic)

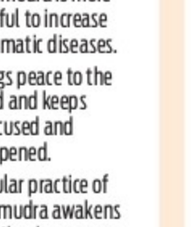
In suburban Saudi, persistent Wadjda wishes for a bike so she can beat her friend Abdullah in a race. But it's going to take some ingenuity to get one.
Cast: Waad Mohammed, Reem Abdullah, Abdullrahman Al Gohani
● Watch on: Netflix

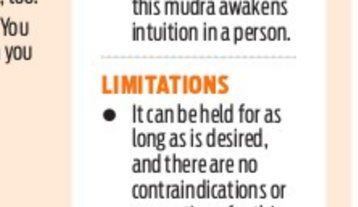
TAXI DRIVER (English)

Travis, an ex-marine and Vietnam veteran, works as a taxi driver in New York City. One day, he decides to save an underage prostitute from her pimp in an effort to clean the city of its corruption.
Cast: Robert De Niro, Jodie Foster, Martin Scorsese, Cybill Shepherd
● Watch on: Sony LIV

YELLOWSTONE (English, series)

The Duttons fight to defend their ranch and way of life from an Indian reservation and land developers, as medical issues, political aspirations and deep secrets put strain on the family.
Cast: Kevin Costner, Luke Grimes, Kelly Reilly
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video





DEATH AT A FUNERAL (English)

Daniel organises his father's funeral but on the day, among other chaotic surroundings, a mysterious man threatens to reveal the deep-rooted secrets of their dysfunctional family.
Cast: Peter Dinklage, Matthew Macfadyen, Alan Tudyk, Keeley Hawes
● Watch on: Sony LIV

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PROJECT ABOAT TIME

Aims to rejuvenate the **137- acre** Doddanekkundi Lake

Implemented the Floating Treatment Wetlands technique

Raised **₹1,00,000**

GIRL POWER

On a mission to create awareness on menstrual health, and efforts to revive a dying lake, these girls are pursuing projects to support diverse life goals

SANATH PRASAD

FOURTEEN-year-old **Ananya Malde** was appalled to see a young girl who had to drop out of school due to period concerns. After learning that there are many school-going girls, especially in the rural side of India, who face the problem of absenteeism due menses, Malde decided to launch an initiative that reduces the school dropout rates. This gave birth to Project Pragati in November 2020 that aims to provide necessary menstrual awareness and menstrual products to school girls between the age group of 10-18 years. This project was launched as part of the Future Leaders Programme by 1 Million for 1 Billion (1M1B) Foundation, a Bengaluru-based non-profit organisation that mobilises youngsters to drive change in environment, education, health, entrepreneurship among other activities.

Malde, who is now studying in Class 9, hails from Gujarat. She has her ancestral roots in a village near Kutch, which is considered as one of the most backward regions of the state. Project Pragati took its wings right from Kutch and spread to villages near Vadodara, and is now looking to expand in and around Bengaluru. "I have a very emotional connect with Gujarat and I also realised that the state of menstrual health in Kutch is very impoverished. Hence, I decided to start my campaign from there. I found that many girls were dropping out of school and not comfortable to talk to their parents on something like period issues. I have drafted a menstrual health curriculum in three languages (Gujarati, Hindi and English) that will break down the science behind the menstrual cycle in a simple language," says Malde.

Recently, in the first week of January, she also reached out to the fishing and Saltpan community in Gujarat whose children have to stay put in shacks for a long time owing to the nature of work their parents do. "We distributed sanitary pads that can last for over six months to 75 girls of these communities. I have reached out to 1,000 girls in the villages of Kutch and Vadodara and helped distribute 30,000 sanitary pads till date, and installed two incinerators in two schools," says Malde, who has raised ₹5,50,000 through a crowd-funding platform. Spending just a couple of hours in academics, Malde pre-dominantly spends more time on philanthropic work.

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Renee George, student

Meanwhile, working on a sustainable and environmental initiative under the same Future Leaders Programme by 1M1B Foundation, is Bengaluru-based **Renee George**. The 15-year-old is affected by the deteriorating condition of the Doddanakundi lake (near Old Airport Road), one she always admired for the vast vegetation. To rejuvenate the dried-up lake, George started Project Aboat Time, which aims to revive the dying lakes of Bengaluru using a low-cost technique called 'floating treatment wetlands'. "Allowing the lake to die in front of us makes us equally responsible for the demise. After research, I found that the floating treatment for wetlands is a natural method of using plants to increase the nutritional level of the water which evens out the oxygen levels in order to host an ecosystem. This is a less-expensive model compared to the obvious sewage treatment plants method, which doesn't work for all the lakes," says George, who is now clearing up the garbage around the lake along with volunteers from her gated community, as a first step towards rejuvenating the lake.

Both Malde and George have also been selected to showcase their works at 1M1B Summit at United Nations, New York.

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Bickram Ghosh on collaborating with Bengaluru-based musician Ricky Kej, for the 75th Republic Day parade score, *Vande Bharatam*

TUNES OF INDIA

MONIKA MONALISA

NEW projects, collaborations and compositions... An experienced and eminent percussionist like **Bickram Ghosh** has seen it all during his years as a musician. But certain projects still evoke the same excitement as the first one. For his most-recent project, Ghosh has collaborated with Bengaluru-based musician, Ricky Kej to create a score for the Republic Day Parade 2022. *Vande Bharatam*, will be played at Rajpath, New Delhi.

Ghosh has been an Oscar contender and Kej is a Grammy-award winner. The 12-minute track is already in the limelight with much buzz surrounding it. It might sound like a well-planned cast, but Ghosh says even he had no idea what was in store. "Even though I had known Ricky, we had never collaborated. We had met at a dinner in Kolkata, and within 3-4 days, we received calls from the Ministry of Culture. It seemed serendipitous," laughs Ghosh.

The Kolkata-based percussionist revealed that due to the pandemic, Kej and he could not meet but were in sync while composing the tune. "We didn't have much time on hand. When Omicron hit, my plans of coming to Bengaluru or Ricky coming to Kolkata went for a toss. The song was made over innumerable calls," says Gosh, revealing that as artistes, they had no moments of contradiction.

Vande Bharatam, for Ghosh, is not just a piece of music. "There are four parts to the song, and the first and last parts are the songs. Sugata Guha wrote the song. I personally enjoy the start of the project because it is full of possibilities. And if you have a sense of chemistry with the person you are working with, then the process is completely smooth sailing," says Ghosh.

Ricky Kej

In Ghosh's words, the song is a kaleidoscope of Indian music. "The instrumental part is very elaborate with the veena, sitar, pakhawaj and ghatam. You can find the entire soundscape of India, including folk tunes. The song also has a fusion sound board, which Ricky and I are known for," says Ghosh, who has been a regular visitor to Bengaluru for his performances, until the pandemic hit. He is hoping to come to the city in March for a concert.

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Bickram Ghosh, musician

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

Pokémon Sword: Some nostalgia before Arceus!

I take great comfort in stability. For example, water being wet, humidity in Chennai, and Pokémon games never evolving. When I played Pokémon Sword, I felt powerful, I was Galar region's only untitled Seer. Playing the game was rhythmic, and I instinctively knew the things I should be doing. If you haven't played Pokémon before, this is a quick glimpse of how the game goes.

I am in my bedroom, in a tiny town. I go out for a walk. I come across tall grass erupting with cute creatures. I make a frenemy. I meet a Professor, who gives me Pokémon. I inevitably choose the water Pokémon — Sobble, in the case of Pokémon Sword. I catch my first Pokémon. I battle my first trainer. I meet my match at my first Gym tournament. I grow my party, optimising my combination of creatures, closely following an enhanced rock-paper-scissors strategy. Beyond this point, the game runs on loop. One gym to the other, while the battle music hums at the back of my brain. In fact, the game is almost too repetitive. A week of playing the game, and my vocabulary is reduced to terms used in battle. I now say things like "super effective!" and "critical hit!" in normal conversations.

However, the problem with Pokémon Sword is not its humdrum gameplay. It's the fact that the game reduces my role to a mere subplot till I defeat the eight gym leaders. The main story progresses in my peripheral vision, and as much as I wanted to, I struggled to get a glimpse of life in the Galar region. I enjoy the gameplay. But I moved around, zombie-like, with no real interest in the story of the Sword and Shield, and the underlying impact of Dynamax in Galar region.

Another, crucial point of contention with the game is the Generation VIII Pokémon naming convention. I must admit that I can no longer catch-up with the sheer number of new Pokémon and cannot guess the type by its name. They all used to be simple, tongue-in-cheek puns. Now they're just cute and confusing.

Sword and Shield are the last linear, non-remake Pokemon games before "Legends: Arceus" releases later this month. If you own a Nintendo Switch, it makes the games well-worth a nostalgic replay before a dive into a new era in the series!

PAIRED WITH PANACHE
Anuja Pandey

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

PRESENT PERFECT

WHEN was the last time that you sat down with a cup of coffee or tea, not thinking about the sink full of dishes, or an overflowing laundry basket, or whether the kids finished their meal and cleared up their mess?

Most of us in this generation are guilt-ridden moms. We forget to consider how multitasking affects our well-being. Even if we plan to take a break, the pandemic has blurred the distinction between holidays and work hours . This, especially affects women, who feel the burden of being a superwoman, juggling multiple roles. Though most of us are pros at multitasking and managing personal and professional work, we must also make sure that we focus on giving ourselves a break.

Our lifestyle has become so monotonous that we are lost in the daily routine and forget to take some time out for ourselves. This is where the concept of mindfulness comes into the picture. Neha Verma, a clinical psychologist (HOD) at Fitterfly, a digital therapeutics company, while emphasising the importance of mindfulness, says, "We are so caught up in the rut of life that we often forget to understand that we need to go slow to move fast. We live life as though there aren't enough hours in a day, but if we do each activity calmly and carefully, we will get it done quicker and with much less stress. Living each moment can make you feel fresh and relaxed and will increase your productivity as well. However, it is also essential to take a break from your routine to recharge and rejuvenate. The concept of me-time needs to be reinforced in our lives to help us both cope and flourish."

Here are a few things that you can do:

Calm yourself

Make deliberate space for me-time in your daily routine. It may be just 30 minutes but it should be clearly defined so that you and everyone knows it's your time.

Plan your work

Make a list of things to be done, organise your day. Daily chores are taxing, so keep aside your work for some time and engage in something that will calm your mind.

Take time out for activities that make you feel relaxed

Somethings like cooking, reading a book, listening to music, watching TV or sipping a cup of coffee...indulge yourself during the 30 minutes you set aside.

Fitness

Involve yourself in some kind of activity. Go for a short walk or run. Even a dance session or a walk in the verandah can be therapeutic.

Self-care

Add a self-care routine to pamper yourself every day. Paint your nails, use a gua-sha, slap some cream on your arms or just add bath salts and have a candlelight bath routine.

Gratitude journal

Rate your happiness by writing about all the good things that happened to you and you will be amazed to see how these 30 minutes of me-time can increase your happiness index in just a month.

CITY READ

Mall offers free vaccination drive

Global Malls has partnered with BBMP to launch a free Covishield vaccination drive for teens aged between 15-18 years and adults. People can walk into Global malls with their Aadhaar Card for vaccinations. It's available seven days a week (till stock lasts), from 10 am to 4 pm. For additional details, contact 080 4560 7788.

Business Analytics centre launched

CMR Institute Of Management Studies has initiated six centres of excellence, one of it is Centre for Business Analytics. Providing a platform for industry-academia interaction towards fostering experiential learning in data science and business analytics is one of the main objectives. Students will be involved in live projects. Another focal point are seminars and workshops in the area of data science.

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RAKSHIT SHETTY'S *777 CHARLIE* PASSES CENSOR BOARD WITH U/A

Speaking to *CE*, director Kiranraj shares that they wanted to get clarity on the reopening of theatres before officially announcing the release date

CE FEATURES

THE makers of *777 Charlie*, starring Rakshit Shetty, is in the process of finalising the release date. The adventure comedy-drama was supposed to release on December 31. However, it was postponed as the team felt the time was inadequate to do justice to the film.

Now, the pan-India film, directed by Kiranraj K, has passed the Censor Board with U/A certificate. "I was keen on getting the censor certificate by 2021," the director tells us, and adds that the film has got a positive response from certain production houses and distributors, who have watched it.

The team now wants to officially announce a release date once they get clarity on the theatre reopening. "A final discussion with the various distributors will take place this month-end. We will then be working on the final release plans. An official date will be announced in the month of February," reveals Kiranraj.

777 Charlie, backed by GS Gupta and Rakshit Shetty's Paramvah Studios banner, has Nobin Paul scoring the music and Arvind Kashyap handling the camerawork. The film explores the relationship between Dharma (Rakshit Shetty) and a dog named Charlie. The cast also consists of Sangeetha Sringeri, Raj B Shetty, and Danish Sait in prominent roles. Tamil actor Bobby Simha will mark his Kannada debut with *777 Charlie*, and he will be seen in a significant role.

A still from *777 Charlie*

Nikhil Kumar

NIKHIL KUMAR TO PLAY TITULAR ROLE IN *YADUVEERA*

The actor will appear in two shades in the film, directed by debutant Manju Atharva

A SHARADHAA

NIKHIL Kumar, who was last seen in *Rider*, gears up for his next project. The *Jaquar* hero will be teaming up with first-time director Manju Atharva for an action thriller. The film, bankrolled by KVN Productions, is titled *Yaduveera*. The announcement was made along with the first-look poster of Nikhil on the occasion of his birthday on Saturday. The actor and director will kick start the shooting for the project from the 1st week of February.

Debutant Manju Atharva has previously worked as an associate in Yash's *Masterpiece*, Shivarajkumar and Sriimurali's *Mufti*, and as a co-director in Prem's *Premam Poojyam*. The director has also written the the story, screenplay, and dialogues of *Yaduveera*.

Speaking to *CE*, Manju said, "Nikhil has two shades in the film, and we have revealed the second look now. *Yaduveera* will not be a routine commercial subject. It will also explore some serious topics."

The team will be announcing the rest of the cast soon. "We will begin shooting in Mandya, and follow it up with a couple of schedules in Bengaluru. We will then head to North India to shoot some crucial portions for the film," says Manju.

Yaduveera has music by Ajaneesh Loknath. Naveen Kumar, who has worked in *Mufti* and *Mada Gaja*, will be handling the camera work for *Yaduveera*. Jnaanesh B Matad will be editing the film.

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> – Manju Atharva, director

ROWDY BABY TO HIT THEATRES ON FEBRUARY 11

CE FEATURES

WITH Karnataka Government relaxing the weekend curfew, various Kannada filmmakers are gearing up to release their films. *Rowdy Baby*, directed by Krishna Reddy starring Divya Suresh and Ravi Gowda, will also be hitting theatres on February 11. Ravi Gowda, the actor and producer of the film, confirmed the news to *CE*. "Rowdy Baby is a suspense romantic thriller, which is all about love, life, and emotions," he said.

Along with Ravi Gowda and Divya Suresh, the film features Heer Kaur, who plays the second female lead. The cast also includes Aruna Balraj, Srinath Vasishta Amith V Raj in pivotal roles. Samrat is handling the cinematography, while Karthikeya Murthy and SA Aramaan have composed for *Rowdy Baby*.

A still from *Rowdy Baby*

Javon Walton on board *The Umbrella Academy* Season 3

CE FEATURES

IT has been revealed that Javon Walton, the child actor best known for playing Ashtray in the HBO series *Euphoria*, is the latest addition to the cast of *The Umbrella Academy's* next season.

Walton, whose acting credits also include *Utopia* and *The Adam's Family 2*, has confirmed his casting in a recent interview. However, his character is currently under wraps.

It was recently announced that Justin Cornwell, Britne Oldford, Genesis Rodriguez, Cazzie David, and Jake Epstein have been cast to play members of the Sparrow Academy in the show.

Kirsten Dunst joins Alex Garland's *Civil War*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Kirsten Dunst has been roped in to star in writer-director Alex Garland's upcoming action film *Civil War*. Dunst joins a cast that includes Wagner Moura, Stephen McKinley Henderson and Cailee Spaeny.

Details about the plot are being kept under wraps, however, the film is described as an action epic that takes place in a near-future America

The film is produced by A24 in association with Andrew Macdonald and Allon Reich of DNA and Gregory Goodman.

Garland previously joined hands with DNA for Ex Machina, Annihilation, and Men. Meanwhile, Kirsten recently received a SAG award nomination for her performance as Rose Gordon in *The Power of the Dog* opposite Benedict Cumberbatch, Jesse Plemons and Kodi Smit-McPhee.

Johnny Depp to play Louis XV in his next

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Johnny Depp will star as French king Louis XV in his next film, which is set to be directed by French actor-director Maiwenn.

Details of the title and plot are currently kept under wraps. Louis XV, who was nicknamed 'the beloved' and reigned for 59 years, ruled for the longest time in the history of France after that of Louis XIV. He died, paradoxically, as an unpopular king after being accused of corruption and debauchery.

MARY ELIZABETH WINSTEAD ONBOARD *STAR WARS*: AHSOKA

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Mary Elizabeth Winstead is the latest actor to join the cast of Disney+'s upcoming limited series *Star Wars: Ahsoka*. The actor will star opposite Rosario Dawson and Natasha Liu Bordizzo in the series

The Mandalorian spin-off has Dawson starring as the titular Ahsoka Tano, the *Star Wars: The Clone Wars and Rebels* character which made its live-action debut in *The Mandalorian*. Bordizzo will play Sabine Wren, a character from the Star Wars Rebels animated series.

Details of Winstead's character are kept under wraps. The news comes just days after it was announced that actor Ivanna Sakhno has joined the cast of the series.

Star Wars: Ahsoka is written by Dave Filoni and is expected to continue Ahsoka's story. Notably, the series is also expected to feature an appearance by Hayden Christensen as Anakin Skywalker. Executive produced by Filoni and Jon Favreau, the series is set to begin production in March.

Release of *Mission Impossible* 7 and 8 pushed to 2023 and 2024

CE FEATURES

THE release of the much-awaited seventh and eighth instalments of *Mission Impossible* has been pushed due to concerns regarding the performance in theatres worldwide, with the new wave of COVID-19 pandemic due to the Omicron variant.

Mission: Impossible 7 and Mission: Impossible 8 were originally scheduled to hit screens in 2021, before getting postponed to September 30, 2022, and July 7, 2023, respectively. Now, the films will release on July 14, 2023, and June 28, 2024, respectively.

The film's producers Paramount Pictures and Skydance released a joint statement to announce the news."After thoughtful consideration, Paramount Pictures and Skydance have decided to postpone the release dates for *Mission: Impossible* 7 & 8 in response to delays due to the ongoing pandemic. The new release dates will be July 14, 2023, and June 28, 2024, respectively. We look forward to providing moviegoers with an unparalleled theatrical experience," read the statement.

Headlined by Tom Cruise, the *Mission: Impossible* film series is based on the 1966 television series of the same name. The films in the franchise have grossed over $3.5 billion worldwide.